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## From cocoon to butterfly



Diane MacDowell (above, left) and her kindergarten class released five butterflies Monday.

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### Class releases 5 butterflies

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Following the reading of book about a friendly caterpillar, a Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary kindergarten class released five butterflies outdoors on Monday afternoon.

The butterflies recently hatched from cocoons and were stored in the classroom in a netted container.

Diane MacDowell, kindergarten teacher at MLK, said the release tied into their reading of "Farfallina and Marcel," by Holly Keller. The book is about a caterpillar and a gosling that grow up together, but eventually don't recognize one another when they transform into their adult bodies.

A number of other classrooms joined MacDowell's classroom during the release and cheered when the butterflies flew off.



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Students play outside of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary on Monday afternoon.

### ROADS PLAN CLEARS HOUSE

## Budget finances local road projects

BY NICK TABOR  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The \$7 million the state plans to spend for an emergency repair to the bridge over Kentucky Lake won't cut into the funding for the full-scale replacement of both Land Between the Lakes bridges, a project that has been years in the planning.

Replacing the bridges will cost around \$330 million, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet wants to see all that money doled out by the 2016 fiscal year.

Last week, the Kentucky House of Representatives passed a two-year highway construction plan that puts the bridge project on that track.

The House agreed to spend \$550,000 for each bridge in the coming fiscal year and \$50 million for each in fiscal year 2013.

It also agreed to spend \$46.18 million in the biennial budget to widen U.S. 68 between the east end of Lake Barkley Bridge and

the Cadiz bypass, and \$6.8 million to construct the last two lanes of the Cadiz bypass.

Altogether this budget allocates \$168.53 million for improvements in Trigg County.

It also allocates \$31.45 million for projects in Christian County and \$1.43 million for improving Kentucky 181 in Todd County.

On Friday, the House approved this budget 88-4.

After the Senate Transportation Committee reviews it, this budget will go to the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, of which Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, is a member. Pendleton said he expected to start reviewing it around Thursday.

The Senate can pass a version that reflects changes from the House proposal. Ultimately a committee of leaders from both chambers would reach compromises and send the bill to Beshear for his signature or veto.

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## Work on bridge under way, set to reopen by late May

BY NICK TABOR  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The steel that will support the broken stretch of Eggners Ferry Bridge will soon be manufactured and sent to the contractor's facility in Louisville, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced on Tuesday.

Hall Contracting of Kentucky won the emergency replacement job with a low

bid of \$7 million. The company will get the bridge open by May 27, the day before Memorial Day, Gov. Steve Beshear said two weeks ago.

Hall Contracting has now started "detailed engineering and design work" in preparation to order the steel it will need, according to a news release from the Transportation Cabinet.

"We haven't progressed to a point where the steel can be poured yet, but we

are making progress," said Tom Roberts, the company's vice-president.

Workers at Hall Contracting's facility in Louisville will drill and fabricate the steel, then send it to a site near the bridge.

The section in need of repair spans 322 feet, the release said. On Jan. 26, an 8,200-ton cargo ship crashed into the bridge, which had stood for 80 years.

It ordinarily provides the western en-

trance to Land Between the Lakes and carries U.S. 68/Kentucky 80 over the water, between Trigg and Marshall counties.

It handles an average of 2,650 vehicles every day, according to the news release. Beshear said reopening it by Memorial Day will mitigate harm to businesses that depend on tourists.

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## Fort Campbell Families debuts today

When you think of Fort Campbell, you invariably think of "soldiers," and many times, soldiers come with a family.

With this in mind, The Eagle Post and the Kentucky New Era are producing a quarterly magazine geared toward Fort Campbell families. In fact, that's the name of the publication: "Fort Campbell Families."

With this magazine, we want to help military families find answers to questions they may have about parenting, children's health, restaurants or just about anything.

From baby sitters to parks to play in, we want to help families find what they need.

We also want your input, your questions, your issues and your comments to make this an effective and informative publication.

Send questions, household tips and story ideas to dsnow@theeaglepost.us. You can also post them on the Fort Campbell Families Facebook page. Just log on to Facebook, search "Fort Campbell Families," and click the "Like" button.

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KENTUCKY BRIEF

Boy, 10, saves sister from house fire

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Louisville boy and his sister are recovering from burns after he ran back into their flaming home to save her.

WAVE-TV reported 6-year-old Trinity Burks was standing near a lamp when she sprayed a liquid protectant on her shoes. Some sprayed on the lamp and it started a fire Sunday night.

Trinity's 10-year-old brother Antoine Burks and their mother Stacey Holloway ran out of the flaming home, but the boy noticed his sister wasn't with them.

Antoine ran back inside and led Trinity out. Both had first- and second-degree burns on their arms and legs. Trinity said a burn on her nose hurt the most. Antoine said he had to go back and get Trinity because he's her big brother and has to protect her.

DR. STEVEN DARYL PAYNE

Dr. Steven Daryl Payne, age 58, of Fairfax Ave., passed away 11:15 PM Saturday, March 17, 2012 at his home of natural causes.

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Southside Church of Christ with Terry Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Rosedale Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home and at 9:00 AM Thursday, March 22, 2012 until the time of the service at the church.

Dr. Payne was born May 3, 1953 in Baton Rouge, LA the son of Burt M. Payne of Baton Rouge, LA and the late Margie Tarver Payne.

He was a radiologist and a member of Southside Church of Christ. He got his undergraduate from LSU Baton Rouge, graduated from LSU Medical Center in New Orleans, LA, and completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. Dr. Payne was honored to be one of the first to read MRIs at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Survivors include beside his father, his wife of 33 years, Sara Nell Payne of Hopkinsville; two sons, Thomas Dillard Payne and Jared Steven Payne both of Hopkinsville; one daughter, Amanda Payne Bowers of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Peggy Moragne of Baton Rouge, LA.

Donations can be made to Southside Church of Christ at 529 Country Club Lane, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

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AK Steel	Inc	20	2.3	...	8.59	+39	+4.0		iShr2K	NY	1.02	1.2	...	83.70	+70	+13.5	
AT&T	Inc	1.76	5.6	48	31.65	+0.6	+4.7		IBM	Nasd	.84	3.0	12	27.74	+0.1	+14.4	
AviLab	NY	2.04	3.4	18	60.22	+80	+7.1		IntPap	NY	1.05	3.0	12	35.44	-13	+19.7	
Alcatel	Luc	...	...	...	2.47	+0.4	+58.3		JPMorgCh	NY	1.20	2.7	10	45.00	+4.3	+35.3	
Alcoa	NY	12	1.1	15	10.80	+0.6	+22.5		JohnJn	NY	2.28	3.5	19	65.21	+0.9	-6	
Allstate	Inc	8.8	2.7	22	32.77	+0.9	+19.6		JohnsnCt	NY	.72	2.2	14	32.56	-10	-4.2	
Altria	NY	1.64	5.4	18	30.11	+0.8	+1.6		Kroger	NY	1.28	2.6	11	48.72	-1.65	-1.3	
AmExp	NY	.72	1.3	14	57.27	+7.2	+12.4		McDnlds	NY	2.80	2.9	19	97.73	+0.7	-2.6	
Apple Inc	Nasd	10.60	1.8	17	60.110+15.53	+48.4			Merck	NY	1.68	4.4	19	37.89	-14	+5	
AuZone	NY	...	...	...	19	377.36	-151	+16.1	Meritor	NY	...	...	12	7.74	-0.7	+45.5	
BB&T	Cp	NY	.80	2.5	17	31.38	+32	+24.7	MicronT	Nasd	...	...	...	8.63	-19	+37.2	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.1	6	46.92	+0.9	+9.8		Microsoft	Nasd	.80	2.5	12	32.20	-40	+24.0	
BioAm	NY	.04	.4	...	9.53	-2.37	+71.4		MorgStan	NY	2.0	1.0	18	20.06	+5.3	+32.6	
BarIPVix	NY	...	...	...	20.25	-1.30	-43.0		NokiaCp	NY	1.26	23.3	...	5.40	+0.7	+12.0	
BrMySq	NY	1.36	4.1	15	33.15	-0.3	-5.9		Oracle	Nasd	2.4	.8	16	29.76	+0.2	+16.0	
CampSp	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.11	+31	-4.1		Pennep	NY	.80	2.2	22	36.22	-0.2	+3.0	
Cisco	Nasd	3.2	1.6	16	20.14	+1.1	+11.8		PepsiCo	NY	2.06	3.2	16	64.73	-2.6	-2.4	
Citigrp rs	NY	.04	1	10	37.17	+4.8	+13.8		Pfizer	NY	.88	4.0	17	21.88	-0.6	+1.1	
Clearewa	Nasd	...	...	...	2.34	+0.7	+20.4		PhilpMor	NY	3.08	3.6	18	86.34	+5.3	+10.0	
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.9	19	70.40	+24	+6		PwSts QQQ	Nasd	.49	.7	...	66.99	+4.7	+20.0	
Corning	NY	.30	2.1	8	14.28	-0.5	+10.0		ProcGam	NY	2.10	3.1	17	67.21	-0.4	+7	
DirSGBear	NY	...	...	...	17.39	-5.1	-34.3		RadioShk	NY	.50	7.6	9	6.62	...	-31.8	
DirFBear	NY	...	...	...	20.65	-3.5	-44.7		RegionsFn	NY	.04	6	37	6.35	-0.6	+47.7	
Disney	NY	.80	1.4	16	43.44	+25	+15.8		S&P500	Nasd	...	...	3	14.47	+0.9	-2	
DuPont	NY	1.64	3.1	14	53.25	-1.3	+16.3		S&P500ETF	NY	2.64	1.9	...	140.85	+5.5	+12.2	
ExxonMbl	NY	1.88	2.2	10	86.99	+5.5	+2.6		SearsHlids	Nasd	.33	...	...	79.86	-2.69	+151.3	
Forml	NY	2.0	1.6	7	12.63	+1.2	+17.4		SiriusXM	Nasd	...	...	17	2.27	+0.1	+24.7	
FMCG	NY	1.25	3.2	8	39.14	+5.8	+6.4		SprinNex	NY	...	...	...	2.76	-1.3	+17.9	
Frontline	NY	...	...	...	8.28	+6.3	+93.0		SPDR FncI	NY	.22	1.4	...	15.80	+0.8	+21.5	
GenElec	NY	.68	3.4	16	20.21	+0.1	+12.8		StarBldKd	NY	1.64	2.0	18	80.17	-0.4	+18.6	
HawtletP	NY	4.8	2.0	8	24.34	-1.5	-5.5		Target	NY	1.20	2.1	14	58.37	-0.4	+14.0	
HomeDp	NY	1.16	2.4	20	48.83	-2.2	+16.2		US Bancrp	NY	.78	2.4	13	31.85	+20	+17.7	
Howwillnt	NY	1.49	2.5	23	60.46	+0.9	+11.2		USSteel	NY	2.0	.6	...	31.64	+1.89	+19.6	
HopFedBc	Nasd	.8	...	...	8.76	-0.6	+35.8		WallMart	NY	1.59	2.6	13	60.74	-10	+1.6	
HumBnk	Nasd	.16	2.5	13	6.49	+0.6	+18.2		Walgrm	NY	.90	2.6	12	34.06	-15	+3.0	
iShChinaz25	NY	.77	2.0	...	37.97	-7.9	+8.9		WellsFargo	NY	.88	2.6	12	34.25	+3.6	+24.3	
iSMElmts	NY	.81	1.8	...	43.92	-1.7	+15.8										
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Feds probe Fla. teen's shooting

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — An unarmed black teenager shot to death by a neighborhood watch captain told his girlfriend he was being followed shortly before the confrontation that killed him, a lawyer said Tuesday as federal and state prosecutors announced they would investigate.

“Oh he's right behind me, he's right behind me again,” 17-year-old Trayvon Martin told his girlfriend on the phone, the Martin family's attorney said.

The girl later heard Martin say, “Why are you following me?” Another man asked, “What are you doing around here?” attorney Benjamin Crump said.

The phone call that recorded Martin's final moments was disclosed as the U.S. Justice Department opened a federal civil rights probe into the Feb. 26 shooting and the local prosecutor convened a grand jury to investigate.

The neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman, has not been charged and has said he shot Martin, who was returning to a gated commu-

nity in Sanford after buying candy at a convenience store, in self-defense after Martin attacked him. Police say Zimmerman is white; his family says he is Hispanic.

The case has ignited racial tensions in this Orlando suburb of 53,500 people, sparking rallies and a protest in Gov. Rick Scott's office on Tuesday. The Rev. Al Sharpton is joining Sanford city leaders at a town hall meeting later Tuesday to discuss the investigation. Police say Zimmerman was bleeding from his nose and the back of his head, and told police he had yelled out for help before he shot Martin.

Crump told reporters Tuesday it was Martin who cried out when a man bearing a 9mm handgun came at him.

Martin called his 16-year-old girlfriend in Miami several times on Feb. 26, including just before the shooting, Crump said. The discovery of the lengthy conversations, including one moments before the shooting, was made over the weekend by Martin's father by checking his son's cell phone log, Crump said.

LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

STEVEN PAYNE

Services for Dr. Steven Daryl Payne, 58, Fairfax Avenue, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Southside Church of Christ with Terry Jones officiating.

Burial will follow in Rosedale Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. today at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home and 9 a.m. until service hour Thursday at the church.

He died at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., he was born May 3, 1953, the son of Burt M. Payne, Baton Rouge, and the late Margie Tarver Payne.

He was a radiologist, who graduated from Louisiana State University and completed his residency at the University of Tennessee. He was one of the first to read MRIs, or magnetic resonance images, at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

In addition to his father, survivors include his wife, Sara Nell Payne; two sons, Thomas Dillard Payne and Jared Steven Payne, both of Hopkinsville; a daughter, Amanda Payne Bowers, Atlanta; and a sister, Peggy Moragne, Baton Rouge.

Donations may be made to Southside Church of Christ, 529 Country Club Lane, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

TIMOTHY RAY RODGERS

Timothy Ray Rodgers, 54, Crofton, died at 2:58 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at King's Court Motel of natural causes.

Services were Tuesday at Kentucky Veteran's Cemetery-West with full military honors. The Rev. Bobby H. Whitt officiated.

Visitation was Monday at Lamb Funeral Home.

A native of El Paso, Texas, he was born June 26, 1957, the son of Frank and Grace Patterson Rodgers, Crofton.

He was a sergeant first class in the U.S. Army and served in the Gulf War. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Natasha and Danielle Rodgers, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a brother, Kevin Michael Rodgers, Lakeland, Fla.

TERESA HODGE BRUMMETT

Teresa Ann Hodge Brummett, 55, Hopkinsville, died at 9:10 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2012, at her mother's home following a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with the Rev. Dewayne Camplin officiating.

Burial will be in New Barren Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, she was born Feb 3, 1957, the daughter of Angie West Rogers, Hopkinsville, and the late John Hodge.

She was a homemaker and a member of House of Prayer.

In addition to her mother, survivors include three sons, Kenneth Hodge, Hopkinsville, Charlie Nash, Lafayette, La., and Ricky Brummett, Hopkins County; two daughters, Lisa Loving and Janette Rutherford, both of Hopkinsville; two sisters, Carolyn Adams, Caldwell County, and Joyce Davenport, Hopkinsville; two brothers, Wayne Hodge, Hopkinsville, and Darrell Bennett, Hopkins County; and 18 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pennyroyal Hospice, 220 Burley Ave., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

GLADYS CAMPBELL

Gladys Campbell, 83, Princeton, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at her home following a short illness.

Services will be from at 1 p.m. Thursday at Morgan's Funeral Home, Princeton, with Dean Ray and Ray Board officiating.

Burial will be in Norman Cemetery, Caldwell County. Visitation will be from 4 until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A native of Caldwell County, she was born Feb. 16, 1929, the daughter of the late John Duke and Flora Lawrence Tosh Rogers.

She was a homemaker and a retired beautician. She was a member of Good Springs Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Caldwell County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edwin Campbell.

Survivors include a son, Roger (Donna) Campbell, Henderson; a daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Sherri) Buckner; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Ky. Chapter, 301 E. Main St., Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40204-1077 or Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Suite 325, Bethesda, MD 20817.

CHARLES EISON

Charles Eison, 42, Princeton, died at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012, at Princeton Health and Rehab following a brief illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Morgan's Funeral Home, Princeton, with the Rev. Ike Eison and Pat Major officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A native of Caldwell County, he was born July 30, 1969, the son of Dorothy Eison Thacker, Princeton, and the late Charles Edward Hall.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

In addition to his mother, survivors include a brother, Jeffery Eison, Princeton; and four sisters, LouAnn Ross and Bonita Fry, both of Hopkinsville, Ladina Renee Davidson, Marietta, Ga., and Marilyn Quarles, Madisonville.

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CHAD TAYLOR

Chad Taylor, 64, Russellville, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at his residence.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Russellville Chapel at Young Funeral Home, Russellville.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Thursday at the funeral home.

A native of Logan County, he was born June 6, 1947, the son of the late Herman and Helen Merriman Taylor.

He was a plumbing contractor and a flagman at Clarksville (Tenn.) Speedway.

He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Russellville.

He was preceded in death by a son, David “Tom” Chadwick Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Taylor; a son, Chad Everett Taylor, Russellville; a daughter, Ruth Kirby, Russellville; two stepsons, Jonathan Johnson and Jason Johnson, both of Elkton; two sisters, Mrs. Bill (Pat) Cole, Eagle, Idaho, and Mrs. Arthur (Diane) Self, Adairville; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

SIBYL MCINTOSH

Sibyl Lorane McIntosh, 81, Dawson Springs, died at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012, at her home of natural causes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Bandy Funeral Home, Nortonville.

Burial will be in Coal Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon until the time of the service today at the funeral home.

A native of Christian County, she was born May 11, 1930, the daughter of the late Burnice and Sudie Allison.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Clem McIntosh, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Valarie Block, El Mirage, Ariz., and Shelia Jackson, St. Charles; two sons, Patrick (Faye) McIntosh, Bremen, and Mike (Becky) McIntosh, Madisonville; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Medal of Honor recipient helps Ky. tornado victims

WEST LIBERTY, Ky. (AP) — When Pastor Bud Angus found out that a winner of the country's highest military honor was in his tiny community of Woods Bend, helping clean up from a deadly March 2 tornado, there was only one thing he could say.

“Anyone who would help is still a hero,” Angus said Monday as he raked the yard at Woods Bend Community Church. “They deserve another medal.”

Dakota Meyer, 23, a Kentucky Marine awarded the Medal of Honor in September, had arrived Sunday night in the tornado-ravaged town with four friends and six pieces of heavy equipment, ready to work. He had announced his plans on his new blog, “Actions Not Words,” on Friday.” On Monday, he sent several tweets from the scene.

“It's the worst thing I've ever seen in my life,” Meyer told The Associated Press on Monday, taking a brief break

from clearing trees and other debris from a tiny country road. “In war, you expect stuff like this. This is America, this is Kentucky. You don't expect this to happen here.”

Meyer is credited with saving 13 American and 23 Afghan soldiers' lives in a grueling 2009 firefight in Afghanistan. The military's public statement on the battle said Meyer “personally killed at least eight Taliban insurgents, while providing cover for his team to fight their way out.”

The marine says on his blog that “being honored and called a hero for the worst day of my life is something I still struggle to understand.” He writes that he travels the country, speaking to groups.

“I'm not here because I have nothing else to do,” Meyer said. “That's for sure. We're here because it's the right thing to do.”





DENNIS O'NEIL | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Lt. David Costellow (far right) speaks Monday during The Salvation Army's annual volunteer dinner. The organization highlights a specific set of volunteers with each dinner. This year, the nonprofit focused mostly on volunteers in the soup kitchen.



# The Salvation Army dinner honors local volunteers

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

The Salvation Army honored local volunteers Monday night with a dinner at the Memorial Building. The organization offers the dinner each year, often presenting awards to specific volunteers. In years past, the nonprofit has honored major donors such as Kroger and Wal-Mart. The Salvation Army also presented certificates to volunteers who help with the annual bell-ringing campaign during the Christmas season. This year, the local chapter's soup kitchen is celebrating its 25th year. Lt. David Costellow, corps officer and minister for the local chapter, said they have at least 250 volunteers at the soup kitchen each year. Costellow focused mainly on the soup kitchen volunteers during Monday's ceremony, presenting awards to volunteers who had worked there for several years. More than 150 volunteers came out for the dinner, which was provided by Four Season Catering. Costellow said they have at least 1,000 volunteers each year. The dinner, he said, is a good way for The Salvation Army to show its appreciation.



DENNIS O'NEIL | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

People help themselves to food Monday night at The Salvation Army's annual volunteer dinner at the Memorial Building. The dinner honors the more than 1,000 volunteers who help out the organization's local chapter each year.

"It's just to show them that we appreciate them and recognize their efforts," Costellow said. "Let them know that they are being noticed for what they do."

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## OUT 'N' ABOUT

### TODAY

**Fort Campbell's Army Career and Alumni Program and the Army Community Service Family Employment Readiness Program** will host job fairs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. today and Thursday at Cole Park Commons, building 1610, 101st Division Rd. The fairs will feature more than 100 international, national and local employers. Non-military visitors are required to enter Gate 4 and obtain a visitor's pass. For additional details, call 270-798-5000 or visit the ACAP Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP](http://www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP).

**The Youth Services Center** will host an advisory council meeting with Sandra R. Westerman at 11 a.m. at CCHS YSC, Room 303. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call 270-887-7053.

### THURSDAY

**The Pennyryle Mental Health & Aging Coalition** will host its regular monthly meet-

ing at noon at the PADD Office, 300 Hammond Drive. For additional information, call James Patterson at 270-886-9484.

**Chess in Christian County** will host a movie preview night featuring "Knights of the South Bronx" from 6-7:30 p.m. at North Drive Middle School. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. For more information, call Laura Faulkner at 270-887-4285 or Ruth Lynch at 270-887-7020.

### UPCOMING

**The Christian County Extension Office** is hosting a full country breakfast from 8 until 11 a.m. Saturday at the extension office. The food will be served by Christian County 4-H youth.

**AARP Drive 55 class** will meet from noon-4 p.m. Monday at the A.W. Watts Senior Center. Mary DeBow will lead the class on how seniors could potentially save money on car insurance. Attendance is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. Sign up at the business center of the senior center.

For more information, call 270-886-8885.

**The Western Kentucky Chapter National Railroad Historical Society** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the L&N Depot, West Arch Street, Madisonville. Gary Ostland, of Murray, will present a slid show on the Pacific North West as he spent many years there and is a fan of the Milwaukee Road. Refreshments will be provided. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Chuck Hinrichs at 270-886-2849.

**The Pierian Literary Club** will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Maggie Selvidge. Kathy Read will present the program.

**Jennie Stuart Medical Center** will offer a "HIV Continuing Education," class for licensed health care professionals at 1 p.m. March 30 at JSMC, 320 W. 18th St., Doctors Pavilion conference rooms A, B and C. Tickets are \$10. Call to register at 270-887-6859.

**AARP and the A.W. Watts Senior Center** are co-sponsoring a fundraiser luncheon on from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 1.

Tickets are available at the center or from any board member. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. The meal includes turkey and dressing, scalloped potatoes, green beans and assorted homemade desserts.

**Housing Authority of Hopkinsville** is accepting applications for its Section 8 program. Applications will be accepted from April 2 until May 14. Applications can be turned in at [www.housingah.org](http://www.housingah.org) or turned in at the office on North Elm Street from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays.

**The Alzheimer's Association** will host a live, interactive video presentation at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 27 at PADD, 300 Hammond Drive, and will focus on financial and legal matters. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is mandatory. Call 800-272-3900 to reserve your spot.

**ITEMS WILL RUN REGULARLY** each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday in Out 'N' About. To help us help you, please submit your announcement at least a week before the day it will be published. If you have questions, call

## IN BRIEF

### AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following meetings:

**TODAY**

**Pennyryle Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council**, 10 a.m., Pennyryle Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive.

**Pennyryle Ombudsmen Advisory Council**, 11:30 a.m., Pennyryle Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive.

**Hopkinsville Inner-City Advisory Committee**, noon, Lackey Municipal Building.

**North Drive Middle School site-based council**, 5:15 p.m., commons area.

**THURSDAY**

**Pennyryle Regional Citizens Corps Council**, 11 a.m., Pennyryle Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive.

**Hopkinsville Committee of the Whole**, 6 p.m., Lackey Municipal Building.

**CANCELLATIONS**

Thursday's meeting of the **Trigg County Board of Education** has been canceled. A board workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. March 31 at the central office.

**LAKE LEVELS**

**Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation**, last updated at 9 p.m. Tuesday, **Kentucky Lake, Upper Stage**, 355.5; **Normal Stage**, 354; **Lower Stage**, 353.7.

**Lake Barkley, Upper Stage**, 355.8; **Normal Stage**, 354; **Lower Stage**, 320.3. **Water Temperatures, Kentucky Lake**, 64 degrees; **Kentucky Dam**, 64 degrees; **Barkley Dam**, 61 degrees; **Normal Temperature**, 57 degrees. Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

### PRECIPITATION

**Christian County Daily Precipitation** (inches); **Saturday**, 0.00; **Sunday**, 0.00; **Monday**, 0.00. **Month to date**, 4.19; **Year to date**, 10.29. Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

### LOTTERY

**Kentucky**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Cash Ball: 07-10-18-27, Cash Ball: 22, Kicker: 5-5-8-1-4

Mega Millions: 01-04-06-11-14, Mega Ball: 30; Megaplier: 4

Pick 3 Evening: 1-1-7

Pick 3 Midday: 4-0-4

Pick 4 Evening: 0-1-9-3

Pick 4 Midday: 1-5-4-4

**Tennessee**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The

winning numbers in Tuesday afternoon's drawing of the Tennessee Lottery were:

Cash 3 Midday: 1-0-9, Lucky Sum: 10

Cash 4 Midday: 7-0-8-3, Lucky Sum: 18

Cash 3 Evening: 5-0-9, Lucky Sum: 14

Cash 4 Evening: 1-9-5-9, Lucky Sum: 24

### CORRECTIONS

Anita Boyd's first name was incorrect in an editorial in Monday's paper. Boyd spoke at Thursday's meeting of the Christian County Board of Education and presented a letter in support of the board's decision to not renew the contract of Superintendent Brady Link.

The name of Danqueal Babb, one of the local athletes featured in a Special Olympics photograph, was incorrect in a photo caption on Page A9 of Monday's paper.

A story about the Hoptown Hoppers baseball team on Page B1 of the March 19 paper should have said other teams in the league include Marion, Owensboro, Madisonville and Fulton in Kentucky.

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## AT&T announces 3G Internet in Todd County

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

ELKTON, Ky. — AT&T representatives announced 3G upgrades for its cellphone and Internet services in Elkton, Clifty, Russellville and Adairville on Monday morning.

AT&T upgraded its service site outside Elkton, which previously only had 2G capability, with the new service this past week. The company also built a new site outside Guthrie in 2011 and activated it with the new service recently.

Community members and local officials, including state Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, and Rep. Mary Jane

*"It's like having a computer in your hand."*

**Chris Percy**  
AT&T general manager

King, D-Lewisburg, gathered for the announcement.

Chris Percy, AT&T's general manager for mobility and consumer markets in Kentucky and Tennessee, emphasized the heightened capability 3G, or third generation mobile service,

will mean for wireless devices in the area.

"It's like having a computer in your hand," Percy said of 3G capability.

Since 2011, AT&T has upgraded its network in 2,800 places for the Todd County sites, Percy said, is to replace their copper backhauling with fiber to enable 4G capability.

Percy couldn't give a specific time table for the 4G upgrade. He emphasized that replacing backhauling is an expensive process and can be difficult in rural areas where service sites are in more

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Chris Percy, AT&T's general manager for mobility and consumer markets in Kentucky and Tennessee, speaks to a crowd Monday at the old courthouse on Elkton's square. AT&T is upgrading its cellphone services to 3G for Elkton, Clifty, Russellville and Adairville.  
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## Paducah strongmen



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**B.J. Barabas (above), of Paducah, flips a 525-pound mud tire during the medley event of the Lone Wolfe Bash and St. Patty's Day Smash strongman competition Saturday at The Star Neighborhood Bar & Grill in Paducah. Barabas was one of 55 athletes from throughout the nation to compete in the competition that served as a fundraiser for fellow strongman athlete Erik Wolfe, of Paducah, who is in his second bout with abdominal cancer. More than \$10,000 was expected to be raised Saturday. Derek Stone (right), of Nortonville, heads toward the finish line with a pair of 275-pound barbells in his hands Saturday during the farmer's carry part of the medley event. Martin Wieckowsky (below), of Memphis, Tenn., successfully thrusts a 250-pound log weight over his head Saturday during a practice lift for the log press event.**



## Mayor honors student winners in essay contest

BY DENNIS O'NEIL  
NEW ERA FEATURE WRITER

Ten North Drive Middle School students were honored during Tuesday's Hopkinsville City Council meeting for essays they submitted in the 2012 Mayor's Scholars Essay Contest.

To submit an essay, students had to have at least a 2.5 grade-point average, a 95 percent attendance rate and attend North Drive Middle School. Their essays had to address the importance of education to their futures.

The contest's winner, Lauren Knox, received a \$50 gift certificate from the Christian County Chamber of Commerce. The other students received gift certificates for \$25.

There were 59 students who submitted essays for the contest. They were judged by eight staff members from the city. All of the

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### Winners Ranking:

The Mayor's Scholars Essay Contest winners were:

- First place — Lauren Knox
- Second place — Jonathon Colley
- Third place — Austin Nabb
- Fourth place — Jalae Dillard
- Fifth place — Soleese Buckner
- Sixth place — Shelby Korman
- Seventh place — Deontrez Turner
- Eighth place — Jacob Hester
- Ninth place — Courtney Berry
- 10th place — Nathaniel Blount

## Statewide career program wraps up

BY BENJAMIN JOUBERT  
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Operation Preparation, a statewide program showing college and career readiness, concludes its weeklong community-based effort this afternoon.

Around 60 volunteers will have spoken to student groups at all five public middle and high schools in Christian County by the time the

program wraps up today. In Operation Preparation, students are placed into groups of 10 based on their Individual Learning Plans, specifying career interests such as health, science, construction, transportation, education and agriculture, according to a Christian County Public Schools news release.

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### CRIME STOPPERS

#### Cash offered for information on 2 fugitives

The Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrests of two people wanted in the Fugitive of the Week Program.

The first fugitive, Stephen W. Ochs, 41, is wanted for probation violation. Ochs is 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. His last known address was on the 100 block of Holly Street.

The second fugitive, Terrence L. McKnight, 44, is wanted for probation violation. McKnight is 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 245 pounds. His last known address was on the 800 block of South Campbell Street.

Anyone who has any information about these fugitives is asked to call 270-887-TIPS (270-887-8477). Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court.

Visit Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers on Facebook and choose "Like" to receive updates on wanted fugitives.



Ochs



McKnight

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### CCHS graduate to have exhibit at Campbellsville University

Christian County High School graduate Natalie Olp will showcase her artwork April 2-10 at Campbellsville University, according to a news release from the school.

The work will be displayed in the university's art gallery. Olp will include drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculptures in the exhibit.

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#### Report criticizes personal care homes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A Kentucky watchdog group has criticized personal care homes across the state after a survey of residents showed they feel that they lack a community atmosphere and meaningful activities.

The Kentucky Journal and the Lexington Her-

ald-Leader report Kentucky Protection and Advocacy surveyed 218 residents at 20 personal care homes in Kentucky before releasing its findings Monday. The group's report says residents, who are mostly mentally disabled, aren't able to fully communicate with

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### CRIME

## Police: Hopkinsville woman tried to run over husband

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A Hopkinsville woman was arrested early Monday morning after allegedly trying to run over her husband, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

Around 5 a.m., police were dispatched to an Alumni Avenue home in reference to a car that hit a tree. Witnesses at the scene told police that Brandy T. Breeding, 21, angry from a previous argument, came to the house and asked for the keys to her car, according to the report.

Her husband gave her the keys and Breeding then backed out of the driveway into the street, police said. She then drove into the yard in the direction of her husband and another person, hitting a basketball goal before running into a tree, the report

said. The husband allegedly had to jump out of the way to avoid being hit.

Breeding then left on foot. Police believe that Breeding was high and drunk when she drove the car into the tree.

Officers later found Breeding at her Thornton Court apartment. A small amount of marijuana could be seen on a coffee table in the apartment, police said. Additionally, drug paraphernalia, knives and animal feces covered the floor, according to the report. A birdcage had been broken open and the two birds were flying about the apartment. Seed was scattered on the carpet and dried blood spots were found on the wall, police said.

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# Employers ask job seekers for Facebook passwords

SEATTLE (AP) — When Justin Bassett interviewed for a new job, he expected the usual questions about experience and references. So he was astonished when the interviewer asked for something else: his Facebook username and password.

Bassett, a New York City statistician, had just finished answering a few character questions when the interviewer turned to her computer to search for his Facebook page. But she couldn't see his private profile. She turned back and asked him to hand over his login information.

Bassett refused and withdrew his application, saying he didn't want to work for a company that would seek such personal information. But as the job market steadily improves, other job candidates are confronting the same question from prospective employers, and some of them cannot afford to say no.

In their efforts to vet applicants, some companies and government agencies are going beyond merely glancing at a person's social networking profiles and instead asking to log in as the user to have a look around.

"It's akin to requiring someone's house keys," said Orin Kerr, a George Washington University law professor and former federal prosecutor who calls it "an egregious privacy violation."

Questions have been raised about the legality of the practice, which is also the focus of proposed legislation in Illinois and Maryland that would forbid public agencies from asking for access to social networks.

Since the rise of social networking, it has become common for managers to review publically available Facebook profiles, Twitter accounts and other sites to learn more about job candidates. But many users, especially on Facebook, have their profiles set to private, making them available only to selected people or certain networks.

Companies that don't ask for passwords have taken other steps — such as asking applicants to friend human resource managers or to log in to a company computer during an interview. Once employed, some workers have been required to sign non-disparagement agreements that ban them from talking negatively about an employer

on social media.

Asking for a candidate's password is more prevalent among public agencies, especially those seeking to fill law enforcement positions such as police officers or 911 dispatchers.

Back in 2010, Robert Collins was returning to his job as a correctional officer at the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services after taking a leave following his mother's death. During a reinstatement interview, he was asked for his login and password, purportedly so the agency could check for any gang affiliations. He was stunned by the request but complied.

"I needed my job to feed my family. I had to," he recalled.

After the ACLU complained about the practice, the agency amended its policy, asking instead for job applicants to log in during interviews.

"To me, that's still invasive. I can appreciate the desire to learn more about the applicant, but it's still a violation of people's personal privacy," said Collins, whose case inspired Maryland's legislation.

# Lawyer: Afghan killings suspect remembers little

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — The Army staff sergeant accused of slaughtering 16 Afghan civilians in a nighttime shooting rampage has a sketchy memory of the night of the massacre, his lawyer said Monday after meeting his client for the first time.

Lawyer John Henry Browne said Robert Bales remembers some details from before and after the killings, but very little or nothing of the time the military believes he went on a shooting spree through two Afghan villages.

"He has some memory of some things that happened that night. He has some memories of before the incident and he has some memories of after the incident. In between, very little," Browne told The Associated Press by telephone from Fort Leavenworth, where Bales is being held.

Pressed on whether Bales can remember anything about the shooting, Browne said, "No," but added: "I haven't gotten that far with him yet."

In an earlier interview with CBS, Browne said unequivocally that Bales can't remember the shootings.

Meanwhile, records show Bales owes \$1.5 million from an arbitration ruling nearly a decade ago that found him guilty of securities fraud.

Bales, 38, has not been charged yet in the March 11 shootings, though charges could come this week. The killings sparked protests in Afghanistan, endangered relations between the two countries and threatened to upend American policy over the decade-old war.

Earlier Monday, Browne met with his client behind bars for the first time to begin building a defense and said the soldier gave a powerfully moving account of what it is like to be on the ground in Afghanistan.

Browne said he and Bales, who is being held in an isolated cell at the military prison, met for more than three hours at Fort Leavenworth.

"What's going on on the ground in Afghanistan, you read about it. I read about it. But it's totally different when you hear about it from somebody who's been there," Browne told the AP. "It's just really emotional."

Browne, a Seattle attorney who defended serial killer Ted Bundy and a thief known as the "Barefoot Bandit," has said he has handled three or four military cases. The defense team includes a military defense lawyer, Maj. Thomas Hurley. The lawyers have said they plan to meet with Bales this week.

# New clue gives hope to Earhart mystery

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new clue in one of the 20th century's most enduring mysteries could soon uncover the fate of American aviator Amelia Earhart, who went missing without a trace over the South Pacific 75 years ago, investigators said Tuesday.

Enhanced analysis of a photograph taken just months after Earhart's Lockheed Electra plane vanished shows what experts think may be the landing gear of the aircraft protruding from the waters off the remote island of Nikumaroro, in what is now the Pacific nation of Kiribati, they said.

Armed with that analysis by the State Department, historians, scientists and salvagers from The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, are returning to the island in July in the hope of finding the wreckage of Earhart's plane and perhaps even the remains of the pilot and her navigator Fred Noonan.

Ric Gillespie, executive director of the group, acknowledged that the evidence was "circumstantial" but "strong" but stopped short of predicting success. The new search is scheduled to last for 10 days in July and will use state-of-the-art underwater robotic submarines and mapping equipment.

"The most important thing is not whether we find the ultimate answer or what we find, it is the way we look," he said. "We see this opportunity to explore ... the last great American mystery of the 20th century as a vehicle for demonstrating how to go about figuring out what is true."



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An undated file photo shows Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

Earhart and Noonan disappeared July 2, 1937, while flying from New Guinea to Howland Island as part of her attempt to become the first female pilot to circumnavigate the globe.

Extensive searches at the time uncovered nothing and many historians are convinced they crashed into the ocean. In addition, conspiracy theories, including claims that they were U.S. government agents captured by the Japanese before the Second World War, still abound despite having been largely debunked.

Gillespie's group believes Earhart and Noonan may have managed to land on a reef abutting the atoll, then known as Gardner Island, and survived for a short time. They surmise that the plane was washed off the reef by high tides shortly after the landing and that the wreckage may be found in the deep waters nearby.

# Romney routs Santorum in Illinois primary

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. (AP) — Mitt Romney took a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, routing Rick Santorum in the Illinois primary for his third big-state win in a row and padding his already-formidable lead in the race for convention delegates.

"What a night," Romney exulted to cheering supporters in suburban Chicago. Looking beyond his GOP rivals, he said he had a simple message for President Barack Obama, the man Republicans hope to defeat next fall: "Enough. We've had enough."

Returns from 75 percent of Illinois' precincts showed Romney gaining 47 percent of the vote compared to 35 percent for Santorum, 9 percent for Ron Paul and 8 percent for a fading Newt Gingrich.

That was a far more substantial showing for Romney than the grudging victories he eked out in the previous few weeks in Michigan and Ohio, primaries that did as much to raise questions about his ability to attract Republican support as to quell those questions.

Santorum, who hopes to rebound in next Saturday's Louisiana primary, sounded like anything but a defeated contender as he spoke to supporters in Gettysburg, Pa. He said he had outpolled Romney in downstate Illinois and the areas "that conservatives and Republicans populate. We're very happy about that and we're happy about the delegates we're going to get, too."

"Saddle up, like (Ronald) Reagan did in the cowboy movies," he urged his backers. Romney triumphed in Illinois after benefitting from a crushing, 7-1 advantage in the television advertising wars, and as his chief rival struggled to overcome self-imposed political wounds in the marathon race to pick an opponent to Obama.

Most recently, Santorum backpedaled after saying on Monday that the economy wasn't the main issue of the campaign. "Occasionally you say some things where you wish you had a do-over," he said later. Over the weekend, he was humbled in the Puerto Rico primary after saying that to qualify for statehood the island commonwealth should adopt English as an official language.

Initial results showed Romney's victory was worth at least 22 delegates in Illinois. That gave him 544 in the overall count maintained by The Associated Press, out of 1,144 needed to win the nomination.

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# Missing Clarksville girl found unharmed

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A 15-year-old girl from Clarksville, Tenn., who was reported missing on Thursday had been staying with two men in Kentucky, according to a news release from Clarksville police.

The release said Sierra Nicole Simpson called 911 on Tuesday from a gas station on Fort Campbell Boulevard in Clarksville and told the dispatcher that she was unharmed and wanted to speak to a detective.

Simpson also told the dispatcher that she didn't want her family to be notified.

Details about where she was staying are still sketchy, according to the release, but Simpson told the detective that she had planned to run away from home and took extra clothes with her when she went to school on Thursday.

The release said Simpson wandered around after school until she was offered a ride by two men, whom she doesn't know. The release said she had



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Sierra Simpson is shown in an undated photo.

been staying with them in Kentucky and decided to return to Clarksville on Tuesday after seeing news coverage about her disappearance.

Jim Knoll, a spokesman for Clarksville police, said the girl has been returned to her family and he did not know where in Kentucky she had been staying.



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Gregory Bequette, Oak Grove fire chief, shoots water into a burning single-wide mobile home Monday afternoon at lot 16 on Tandy Lane in Oak Grove. The family was outside of the home picnicking when they noticed smoke coming from the mobile home and called the fire department, said Bill Johnson, deputy fire chief of Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

## KENTUCKY BRIEFS

### Men sleeping in house, charged with burglary

KUTTAWA, Ky. (AP) — Sometimes a guy just has to take a nap. Even if it's in a house he's charged with burglarizing.

Kentucky State Police charged 20-year-old Austin B. McDowell of Princeton and 21-year-old Giovanni J. Lane of Paducah with third-degree burglary after a man who was taking care of a house in Kuttawa found them sleeping inside it.

The Paducah Sun quoted a police statement in reporting McDowell and Lane ran when the caretaker awakened them. McDowell was arrested at truck stop on Interstate 24 and police found Lane in the woods.

A check of the Caldwell County Jail on Tuesday morning showed

McDowell had made bond and Lane was still held. Records didn't show whether they had attorneys.

### Soldier dad meets twins who arrived early

MIDDLESBORO, Ky. (AP) — Army soldier Craig Lewis had planned to take leave and return home to eastern Kentucky for the birth of his twin sons — but they came earlier than expected.

Megan Lewis wasn't due until April 5. She told WYMT-TV that her water broke a month early and it was impossible for her husband to make it to Middlesboro Apalachian Regional Hospital to see Michael and Ezekiel born.

However, Pfc. Lewis was able to get leave and made it home on March 12, just a few days after the boys were born. He changed his

first diaper on the way home from the airport.

Megan Lewis said even though her husband had been deployed for seven months before the babies came, he wasn't a stranger to them.

"They know his voice; they had not heard his voice in so long and that's what I was scared of," she said.

Craig Lewis said the first thing he noticed about his twins was their size — they each weighed in at just more than 5 pounds.

"They are so itty bitty," he said.

He'll get to enjoy time with his wife and newborn sons until March 28 when he heads back to Afghanistan for five more months.

Megan Lewis said she is grateful that her husband got to return home at least for a short time. "It's a lot of help and he gets to meet with them and bond with them," she said.

# Ky. legislators offer tax help for tornado victims

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Leaders of both parties in the legislature are working together to provide sales tax relief to residents of the 21 counties declared disaster areas by President Barack Obama following March 2 tornadoes.

Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, and Senate Majority Leader Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, were joined by Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg; House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook; House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown; Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, and other lawmakers in announcing the emergency measures Tuesday.

The proposed relief bill

would offer home and business owners a rebate of the state's 6 percent sales tax on construction materials used to rebuild in the counties where the damage occurred.

The Department of Revenue would send each owner a tax rebate check after receiving documentation from an insurance company or the Federal Emergency Management Agency and receipts for the materials.

The bill would also include provisions to help schools and school staff by authorizing the commissioner of education to declare 10 additional disaster days and to assure teachers and other employees that they will not lose any pay or benefits as a result of the disaster.

# Contest to award \$5,000, services to Christian County entrepreneur

BY DAVID SNOW  
FOR THE NEW ERA

This year has been dubbed the Year of the Entrepreneur, and Christian County Cares 2015 has announced a competition that seeks to turn local business dreams into a reality.

The contest — the Entrepreneurs, Inventors and Innovators Business Plan Competition — is designed to stimulate entrepreneurial activity and provide greater awareness of the resources available for entrepreneurs and small business owners in Christian County.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Monday. Anyone who wants to compete is asked to complete an application, which can be found at the website entrepreneur.christiancountychamber.com. Applications are also available at the Christian County Chamber of Commerce office at 2800 Fort Campbell Blvd. in Hopkinsville.

The contest is open to legal residents 18 and older who have a serious plan to open a business in Christian County. Submissions can range from small home-based businesses to large operations including store fronts, restaurants or technology facilities. Franchises and businesses already opened before March 24 are not eligible.

There is no entry fee, and the grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 cash plus \$4,000 worth of

startup services, including a membership with the chamber, advertising, business cards, legal services and logo production.

Jennifer Patterson, the research and project coordinator for Christian County Cares 2015, hopes a large number of local people with ideas for new businesses enter the competition.

"We want to see anyone in the community or the region who has thought about starting a business in Christian County," she said. "We want to give them the opportunity to do that and give them that extra push."

There will be an orientation and business plan workshop on April 4 for anyone who registers for the competition. The final day to submit a business plan is April 30.

There will be a business pitch workshop on May 2 and a business pitch round on May 15. The competition winner will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on June 30.

The competition is co-sponsored by the Regional Business and Innovation Center of Murray State University and the West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board. For more information about the business plan contest, contact Patterson at 270-885-9096 or jpatterson@hopkinsvillechamber.com.

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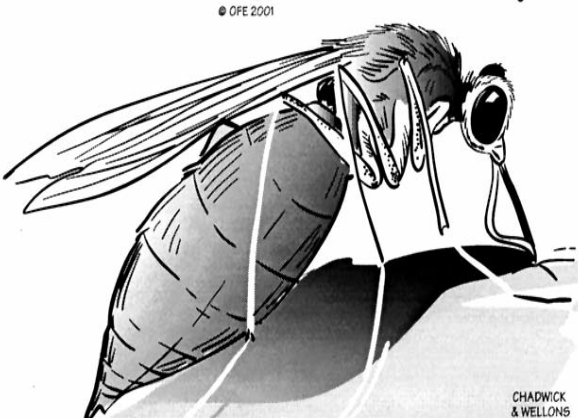


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# GOP targets new cost-cutting board in Obama health care law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are revamping their strategy against President Barack Obama's health care law: If they can't repeal the whole thing, they'll try to pick off pieces. Starting with a new and unfamiliar bureaucracy.

The House is scheduled to vote Thursday to abolish the Independent Payment Advisory Board, a yet-to-be-appointed body created by the law to keep Medicare costs from ballooning. Repeal is expected to easily pass the House but then die in the Senate, where the Democratic majority solidly supports the board.

Republicans see the House vote as setting up a political issue to turn against Democrats in the battle for seniors' votes in the November elections. Unless the Supreme Court strikes down the law, the GOP is likely to keep going after the Medicare board and other individual provisions of the health care overhaul even if Obama is re-elected.

Known as "I-PAB," for its abbreviation, the board has been branded a care-rationing panel by the Republicans. The White House defends IPAB as a check against runaway spending, and Tuesday issued a veto threat against the Republican bill.

The House vote is being timed to coincide with the second anniversary of the law this week, giving opponents a fresh rallying cry against what they deride as "Obamacare" ahead of Supreme Court arguments on the overhaul that start March 26.

The health care law authorizes IPAB to control excessive Medicare cost increases by forcing cuts on service providers, unless Congress overrides the board's recommendations. The board is explicitly forbidden from rationing care, shifting costs to retirees, restricting benefits, or raising the Medicare eligibility age.

The cost-cutting panel wouldn't swing into action unless increases in Medicare spending exceeded certain levels keyed to the economy. It's supposed to limit the growth of the Medicare budget, not choke it off.

Nonpartisan government experts are forecasting a period of manageable Medicare costs, making it unlikely the board would have to propose cuts for six or seven years. Obama is in no rush to name any of its 15 members, who would probably

## Court questions life sentences for juveniles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is debating whether young teenagers convicted of killing someone may be locked up for life with no chance of parole, the latest in a line of cases seeking a second chance for young people.

The justices are looking at two cases Tuesday involving teenagers serving life sentences. In one, a 14-year-old in Alabama beat a man, then set fire to his home. In the

other, a 14-year-old in Arkansas didn't pull the trigger, but was in on an attempted robbery in which another boy shot and killed a store clerk.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote earlier opinions ruling out the death penalty for juveniles and life without parole sentences for young people whose crimes did not involve killing. He seemed to be the pivotal justice in Tuesday's arguments.

face grueling Senate confirmation hearings.

But foes of IPAB aren't likely to wait. The health care industry is nearly unanimously opposed to the board, and consumer groups such as AARP never liked it to begin with.

"A lot of people's worst fears are confirmed in the IPAB," said House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp, R-Mich. Repeal legislation "is highlighting a part of the bill many Americans don't support, a power grab by unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington."

Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the point man for Democrats on the budget, says using IPAB to control costs would be better than Republican proposals for converting Medicare into a system dominated by private insurance plans.

"Their approach just hands seniors a voucher," Van Hollen said. "My view is that the independent board provides an important backstop to Congress for reducing the cost of Medicare without transferring risk to seniors."

For a while, it looked like Republicans might be able to seize an early advantage in the repeal drive.

Prominent liberals including Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., had signed on to the idea, raising the possibility of a strong bipartisan vote in the House that would embarrass Obama and increase chances the Senate would have to deal with the issue.

But then House Republicans decided to combine repeal of the board in the same bill with a cap on jury awards in medical malpractice cases. The latter is a long-sought GOP goal, but a nonstarter for Democrats, who

tend to side with those who argue such limits undermine the rights of injured patients. Frank's spokesman says the congressman no longer supports the bill.

Republicans "aren't interested in compromise, just scoring political points," said Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., another liberal who doesn't like IPAB.

Pascrell and other Democratic foes of IPAB object to the board for reasons that are different from those of Republicans. The liberal Democrats see it as an unprecedented and unnecessary delegation of power by Congress. They worry that it could harm key industries such as drug companies. But they stop short of the rationing accusation.

Critics of the board also say that because IPAB is basically an attempt to limit the growth of Medicare spending, a stingy approach by the board could stifle promising medical innovations, restricting access even without explicit rationing.

"It will be a random tax on medical innovation," said economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an adviser to Republicans.

But with any IPAB-ordered cuts years away, it remains to be seen if Republicans can use the issue to move election-year public opinion.

"Protecting Medicare and sustaining it for the future is an incredibly powerful goal for seniors," said Mollyann Brodie, polling director for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. But with IPAB "we are talking about something that is not real for people, and they don't understand how it works."

## Dutch museum: Still life IS by van Gogh

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — It was, it wasn't, it is: A still life once thought to be by Vincent van Gogh but later downgraded to being the work of an anonymous artist is indeed by the tormented Dutch impressionist himself, researchers announced Tuesday.

The process leading to the confirmation of the painting's authenticity reads like a cold case detective story. A new X-ray technique helped experts re-examine what they already knew about "Still life with meadow flowers and roses" and draw on a growing pool of scholarly Van Gogh research.

A detailed X-ray of an underlying painting of two wrestlers and knowledge of the painter's period at a Belgian art academy led a team of researchers to conclude that the painting really is by Van Gogh.

The painting is owned by the Kroeller-Mueller Museum in the central Netherlands and was being hung there Tuesday among its other Van Gogh works.

There was no real eureka moment for experts studying the still life, said Louis van Tilborgh, a senior researcher at Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum who took part in the confirmation process.

"All the pieces just fell into place," he told The Associated Press.

The painting, on a 100 cm-by-80 cm (40x31 inch) canvas, was bought by the Kroeller-Mueller Museum in 1974 as a Van

Gogh. The work was thought to come from the artist's period living with his brother Theo in Paris from late 1886.

"But when they hung it (in the museum), doubts crept in" about its authenticity, said Van Tilborgh.

Experts thought the canvas was too large for that period, the depiction of a vase brimming over with flowers and yet more flowers lying on a table in the foreground was too exuberant, too busy. The signature was in an unusual position for Van Gogh — the top right hand corner.

With the doubts piling up, the museum in 2003 decided to attribute the painting to an anonymous artist instead of to Van Gogh.

But the detective work did not end there.

An X-ray taken five years earlier had already revealed an indistinct image of the wrestlers and continued to interest researchers. Now, a new more detailed X-ray has shown the wrestlers in more detail, along with the brush strokes and pigments used. They all pointed back to Van Gogh.

"You can see the wrestlers more clearly and the fact that they are wearing loin cloths," said Van Tilborgh.

Having models pose half-naked was a defining characteristic of the Antwerp academy where Van Gogh studied in early 1886. So was the size of the canvas, the Kroeller-Mueller Museum said.

## PROJECTS: Measure would build 2 new LBL bridges

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet built the first version of this budget by collecting input from community officials throughout the state. Transportation engineers at regional branches then reviewed it and sent it to the cabinet's main office in Frankfort, said Keith Todd, a cabinet spokesman.

The largest project in Christian County is an \$8.66-million reconstruction of a stretch of Fort Campbell Boulevard near Wal-Mart and Starbuck's, up to the north entrance of Bradford Square mall.

Others include the widening of a 1.8-mile stretch of Kentucky 911 in Oak Grove, which would cost \$5.61 million, and an extension of Lovers Lane that would cost \$5.28 million, with safety improvements included.

Pendleton wants to see the bypass in

Hopkinsville extended east from the Pennyryle Parkway to U.S. 68, as this might encourage more commerce on the city's north end. The state plans to do this eventually, but when the bill reaches Pendleton's committee, he will push to make it a priority over the next two years, he said.

He also wants to see more funding given to the reconstruction project around Fort Campbell Boulevard. The state plans to eventually create another entrance out of Office Max, and Pendleton hopes the Senate will bump this up in priority.

The only project planned for Todd County is the reconstruction and widening of Kentucky 181 between the courthouse in Elkton and U.S. 68/Kentucky 80, designed to mitigate congestion, according to the budget.

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# CRIME: Woman tried to run over husband, police say

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Three children, 6 and younger, were living in the apartment, according to the report. The environment put the children at risk, officers said.

Breeding was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, no vehicle insurance and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Colby D. Breeding, Justin L. Creasman, and Brandi N. Sneed were also arrested in the apartment.

Colby Breeding was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Creasman and Sneed were both charged with endangering the welfare of a minor. Sneed and Creasman, who are engaged, face charges because they allowed their two children to stay in the apartment, police said.

## Television, farm equipment, electronics reported stolen

A 50 gallon fuel tank filled with diesel gasoline was stolen between Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

An employee with Western Crane Service told police that the tank was in the bed of a company truck in a parking lot on Skyline Drive. The total cost of the stolen tank and fuel was estimated at \$625. A suspect is not listed in the report.

In a separate burglary, a Greenville Road man said a television, a surround sound system, and an Xbox gaming device were stolen from his home between Friday morning and Sunday night, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report.

Jacob R. Popping told deputies that someone entered his home while he was gone on active duty with the military and stole

the items.

The report estimates the value of the stolen items at \$1,230.

Two other burglaries and a theft were reported to the Hopkinsville Police Department over the weekend.

Jacqualina B. Blyden, of Lucky Debonair Drive, told police that someone entered her home Sunday night and took two televisions and a PlayStation 3.

No force was used to enter the home, police said. The stolen items have a combined value of nearly \$2,200, according to the report.

In another burglary report, \$8,000 in jewelry was stolen March 10 from an unlocked car.

Sarah N. Hicks, of Clarksville, Tenn., told police on Sunday that 17 pieces of jewelry and \$1,200 in cash were taken from her vehicle in the Park Plaza parking lot on Fort Campbell Boulevard.

A suspect is not listed in the report.

Another burglary was reported by a local business.

An employee of Bigga Figure on East Ninth Street told police that someone broke into the clothing store early Saturday morning and took \$300 worth of items.

Damage was also caused to two showcases, according to the report.

A suspect is not listed in the report.

## Police: Man threatened woman with box cutter

Police arrested a Hopkinsville man on Friday after he allegedly broke into a woman's home and threatened her with a box cutter.

Rhiannon M. Cornett, of Charlie Court, was in the bathroom when Kevin B. Moore, 45, appeared in the doorway, according to a Hopkinsville police report. Moore allegedly pulled out a box cutter and asked Cornett where she had been.

Moore left, but later returned and threw a set of keys that he found in the front door at Cornett, according to the report. Police arrested Moore and charged

him with first-degree burglary.

## Man arrested in January evasion

A Hopkinsville man was arrested Sunday after successfully escaping police during an attempted arrest in January, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

Officer Brian Smith was driving down Poplar Street on Jan. 17 while investigating a string of air conditioner burglaries, according to the police report.

He noticed two men walking down the road and stopped to ask them questions, police said. One of the men became nervous when the officer asked him if he had any weapons, according to the report.

When Smith attempted to frisk the man, he allegedly hit Smith in the chest and a struggle ensued. During the scuffle, a mirror on Smith's police cruiser was broken. The man was able to duck out of his shirts and fled, according to the report. The man escaped, but a stolen handgun, loaded with hollow point ammunition, was found in his clothing, Smith said.

Sidney L. Jackson Jr., 22, was arrested and charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, receiving stolen property, carrying a concealed weapon, using restricted ammo during a felony (no shots fired), third-degree assault of a police officer, third-degree criminal mischief and first-degree evading police.

## Juvenile arrested for alleged assault

A Pembroke preteen was arrested Saturday night after allegedly stabbing his sister with a broken mop handle the day before, according to a Hopkinsville police report.

The boy's 17-year-old sister told police the 11-year-old stabbed her in the left bicep during an argument. The broken handle was removed from her arm at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, according to the report.

The brother was arrested and charged with second-degree assault.

# BRIEFS: CCHS graduate to have exhibit at Univ.

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Olp is a senior at the university. She has previously exhibited at the Christian County District Art Show in 2008 and the Campbellsville University Student Juried Art Show 2010 and 2011.

## Planters Bank hires two new employees

Planters Bank recently hired John Bartee Jr. and Steven Graham as its vice presidents of agriculture and commercial lending, according to a news release.

Bartee hails from Clarksville, Tenn., and graduated from Austin Peay State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications. He is currently co-chair of APSU's school farm advisory and farm capital campaign committees.

Bartee worked most recently as financial services officer for Farm Credit Services of Mid-America in Robertson County, Tenn.

Graham is from Morgantown and graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's in business management. He is a member of the Morgantown Chamber of Commerce and worked previously as community president at PBI Bank in Morgantown.



Bartee



Graham

## Heritage Bank recognizes top lender

Heritage Bank recently recognized Sue Ann McKissick as its 2011 Kentucky Housing Corporation Honors Top Lender.

McKissick, a Christian County native, has worked in the banking industry for more than 20 years. She works as a mortgage loan originator for the Christian and Todd county market areas. Prior to that, she owned and operated McKissick Mortgage for more than 10 years.

The Kentucky Housing Corporation recognized its top lending partners of affordable mortgage loans at its annual lender luncheon March 8 in Lexington.



McKissick

## HPD sergeant graduates from program

Hopkinsville Police Department Sergeant Michael Felts recently graduated from the Criminal Justice Executive Development Program. The program is an advanced leadership course for supervisors at the state's small and medium-sized agencies who are ranked sergeant or above.

Felts was one of 20 law enforcement officers to graduate from the program earlier this month. The program lasts five weeks and teaches leadership skills and management techniques.

## HCC criminal justice students win national awards

Students from HCC's Pi Gamma Epsilon chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association won two trophies last week at the ACJA's 75th national conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

HCC competed in areas of firearms completion, crime scene processing and investigations and physical agility. The physical agility category is divided by gender and age, and HCC student Latoye Brewer took third place in the women's 26-38 division.

The team of John Suiter, Ryan Langhi and Clayton Olive took second place in the crime scene processing category.

"These wins put HCC and our program on the national map with national bragging rights," said Greg Bridgeman, program coordinator for HCC's criminal justice program.

— From New Era staff reports

# COUNCIL: Students winners honored

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students are eligible to attend a field trip on March 30 to Murray State University. Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp will accompany students on their tour of the college.

In other business:

■ Chief Financial Officer Robert Martin presented the city's financial report for February. For this fiscal year, Martin reported the city has taken in just over \$1.8 million in revenue.

■ The council approved a new lease for Western Hills Golf Course. The golf course had previously leased its land from the city for a 10-year period. Kemp said the lease ran out in 2011 and had been renewed on a month-by-month basis since then. The approved lease is for another 10 years.

■ Karen Boyd, owner of Boyd's Bridal & Formal Wear, was appointed as the first alternate on the city's renaisance design review board. Carrie Caples was appointed to the Hopkinsville Human Relations Commission.

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## REPORT: Care homes criticized

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non-disabled people and feel isolated from the communities where they live.

"Most residents indicated they wanted to participate in the same activities as individuals," the report said. "They wanted to go shopping, to restaurants, to the gym, to church, to the library, go fishing, go to school, spend time with family and friends, and seek employment."

Kentucky Protection and Advocacy Director Marsha Hockensmith says the report shows the need to "find a better way" to serve those residents. There are 80 such homes across the state.

"Personal care homes fail to integrate persons with disabilities into the social mainstream, fail to promote equality of opportunity, and fail to maximize individual choice," the report said.

# ATT: 3G Internet to come to Todd Co.

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remote locations.

Regardless, Percy said it's his goal to perform as many 4G upgrades in the region as possible.

"Fiber is something we want to do because it gives you reliability and it gives you increased speeds," he said. "There is a lot of benefit that we would see to do the fiber backhaul."

While she was excited about the upgrades, Elkton Mayor Nancy Camp said Todd County communities like Fairview and Kirkmansville still have poor cellphone and Internet service.

Trenton Mayor Joann Holder said her city's cellphone service is extremely poor. After Monday's announcement, Holder asked Percy about possibly expanding AT&T's services to the city.

Expansion to Trenton is not part of the company's plan for this year. Providing the services would require the construction of a new site near Trenton, Percy said, a large investment they would have to justify by determining customer demand.

As they have expanded their services in rural communities though, Percy said usage has usually spiked.

"We are finding that as soon as we are making an investment like this, it's like Christmas," he said. "It gets good usage. That weighs into the community as well."

Camp is excited about the positive impact the upgraded services could have on local businesses and schools. She said King and Pendleton lobbied AT&T hard for the upgrades and praised them for the support.

"It's a great day for business," Pendleton told the crowd Monday. "I never thought I would have seen this happen this quick."

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## Sprint run is best bet to advance legislation

The General Assembly is in the home stretch of the 2012 session, and much of the legislation important to Kentuckians is limping to a halt or dead in a committee. A somewhat optimistic Kentucky Chamber of Commerce report released Tuesday gives the legislature a map for completing work on key measures viewed as critical to the state's businesses and workers.

Described as "Ten Ways to Help Kentucky Business," the list was outlined on the Business First

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magazine's website. It was posted after Dave Adkisson, the state chamber president, spoke at a breakfast meeting the magazine organized in Louisville. Lawmakers have about 10 days left in this session to adopt bills. The session will end in mid-April and too much is unresolved.

Adkisson's Top 10 list urges the General Assembly to adopt a House plan for the state to pay interest to the federal government for unemployment insurance shortfalls. If the Senate does not adopt HB 495, a \$607 million penalty will be imposed and could raise unemployment insurance contributions for businesses from \$42 to \$420 per employee. We agree this is legislation that must be passed to avoid a heavy burden on businesses, including many that are still recovering from the recession.

The unemployment insurance bill is one example of legislation this General Assembly should have resolved weeks ago. However, the 2012 session has been a disappointment in large part because legislative redistricting — required every 10 years following a national census — overwhelmed lawmakers. Many senators and representatives were mired in a process of self-protection for their own political survival and passed legislation that the Kentucky Supreme Court eventually blocked. You know something is wrong when a new district looks suspiciously like the gerrymandered maps from your high school history book.

Ironically, bills now languishing in the General Assembly include some that would reform the redistricting process. So the very problem that contributed to an unproductive session remains a problem. Kentucky needs a nonpartisan panel to redraw legislative districts for the General Assembly's approval. Let's have demographers, not lawmakers, take a first stab at redistricting.

It appears unlikely that redistricting reform legislation can be passed in this session, but members of the House and Senate should review Adkisson's list of 10 bills and look for ways to compromise on measures that will benefit the state's economy and its people. The list is available at [www.bizjournals.com/louisville](http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville) under the BizBrief section. It includes pension reform, prescription drug abuse and state debt limit bills.

And in a long-shot bet, let's add a statewide smoking ban to the list.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Enough of conservative talk

#### about price of gasoline in US

The Editor, New Era,  
I recently read an article in the New Era written about Rep. Ed Whitfield. It criticized the president for not doing enough to keep gas prices down. I am not sure, but one would think a sitting president could influence gas prices only one way, going to war.

It is comical that conservatives want less government but they want this president to do something about gas prices. Go figure!

The stock market and Wall Street control oil and gas prices, not the president. If you conservatives want to blame the high prices of gasoline on someone, blame it on yourselves and your support for big oil. They have been lining your pockets for years. Do you know what the biggest export commodity traded on the exchange and shipped overseas from our shores is? Refined gasoline and diesel fuel!

One would think that instead of the big oil companies exporting the gas and diesel fuel, it should be kept here so our prices would stay low. But they don't want it to stay low. They can make more money selling it overseas where there is a lack of refineries.

Conservatives say "drill, baby, drill." What good does it do when you produce and instead of helping our people, it is sent overseas? I am a Democrat, my Dad was, my Grandfather was, and his father was. I have supported Mr. Whitfield for the last 20 years, but, congressman, you are over cooking my grits!

Mike Nunn  
Hopkinsville, Ky.

#### General Assembly should pass medical marijuana legislation

The Editor, New Era,  
Kentuckians anxiously awaiting passage of Senate Bill 129, the Gatewood Galbraith Memorial Medical Marijuana Act, were again disappointed by the failure of Senate Judicial Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Jensen to bring the bill up for consideration during the March 15 committee hearing. Jensen has failed to communicate to the citizens his reasons for not calling up the bill.

Given the fact that rescheduling marijuana from Schedule I dangerous and having no medical value to Schedule II dangerous but having medical value receives a national poll rating of 81 percent approval, and that the idea of rescheduling has been vetted in 16 states and Congress, it is hard to imagine what legitimate

argument Senator Jensen can come up with to justify his obstructionism. The national poll rating also indicates a majority of Kentucky's citizens favor the idea of medical marijuana.

Supporters have been lighting up the phones and Internet trying to convince their legislators to quickly pass this bill and not force our sick and disabled citizens to spend another year having to choose between getting the medicine they sorely need and breaking the law or bowing to law and order and suffering unnecessarily for another year. More tragically some of our people, those fighting cancer, might not be around next year when the General Assembly convenes. It is thought that there is enough support that if SB 129 were not being held up it just might pass this year. I have yet to hear a science- or logic-based argument against medical marijuana laws, or even full legalization, that can pass an honest baloney test.

The federal government has known since 1974 that marijuana is an effective anti-cancer agent. The Medical College of Virginia ... conducted experiments that showed the administration of marijuana's primary cannabinoid THC, "slowed the growth of lung cancers, breast cancers and a virus-induced leukemia in laboratory mice, and prolonged their lives by as much as 36 percent."

Kentucky has one of the highest cancer rates in the nation. Kentucky's legislators armed with the knowledge of marijuana's anticancer properties should be stepping over themselves to make this effective medicine available to our sick and disabled citizens. Kentucky's universities and research facilities should be leading the way in discovering all the secrets of marijuana, its active ingredient tetrahydrocannabinol and its relationship to the human endocannabinoid system.

When will common decency and doing the right thing finally outweigh our irrational ideology-driven worship of the policy of prohibition? That answer can only come from our legislators, who above everything else are elected to do the right thing by the citizens. In this case the right thing is to make available as fast as possible to Kentucky's citizens, especially those in a life-ending fight with cancer, this effective and safe medicine. Kentucky should opt out of Washington's irrational war on marijuana users and pass SB 129, the Gatewood Galbraith Memorial Medical Marijuana Act.

Thomas Vance  
Alexandria, Ky.

### OP-ED

## Dental reform helps children

With nearly a fourth of Kentucky's 1 million children living in poverty and suffering some of the worst oral health in America, the state Board of Dentistry voted recently to develop regulations to permit hygienists to treat children in a public health setting, perhaps stemming a near epidemic of tooth decay in the very young.

Hygienists will still be responsible to dentists when working in public-health settings such as schools, where they can apply preventive treatments on their own if the new regulation wins legislative committee approval. It isn't as far as we want to go in confronting our horrific problems, but it may remove stones in our path that have kept a tight control on the use of hygienists.

In the past, organized dentistry in Kentucky, fearing competition from hygienists, has opposed expanding their scope of practice, but as Kentucky remains stalled near the bottom of state rankings of oral health, younger dentists are accepting the need for change, says Dr. James Cecil, a retired dentistry professor at the University of Kentucky.

Saturday's action by the Board of Dentistry partly may have been "from desperation, over recent bad publicity as the popular press portrays the profession as unresponsive to the needs of our poor citizens," Cecil said in an interview. "While dentistry still remains where medicine was 20 years ago," when many doctors opposed licensing physician assistants and nurse practitioners, Cecil said dentists "will learn they can make more money when their services become more available through greater use of auxiliaries such as the hygienists."

Cecil, former chief dental officer for the U.S. Navy and distinguished as a national leader in public health, earlier last week participated with Kentucky Youth Advocates in the organization of a new Kentucky Oral Health Coalition, whose startup is funded by a foundation grant to KYA.

This coalition of various organizations, including public health departments, nurses, physicians, insurers, and some dentists, will be independent of dental associations or the state's two dental colleges, and it will campaign for better programs for general as well as oral health.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, March 21**, the 81st day of the year. There are 285 days left in 2011.

#### On this date:

**In 1556**, Thomas Cranmer, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, was burned at the stake for heresy.

**In 1685**, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

**In 1871**, journalist Henry M. Stanley began his famous expedition in Africa to locate the missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone.

**In 1963**, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

**In 1962**, the first Taco Bell restaurant was opened by Glen Bell in Downey, Calif.

**In 1965**, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

**In 1972**, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

**In 1985**, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of Sharpeville; the reported death toll varied between 29 and 43.

**Ten years ago:** President

George W. Bush began a four-day trip to Latin America. Marjorie Knoller, whose two huge dogs had mauled neighbor Diane Whipple to death in their San Francisco apartment building, was convicted in Los Angeles of second-degree murder; her husband, Robert Noel, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. (The judge later threw out the murder conviction against Knoller, replacing it with manslaughter, but the murder conviction was reinstated by an appeals court.)

**Five years ago:** Former Vice President Al Gore made an emo-

tional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; skeptical Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

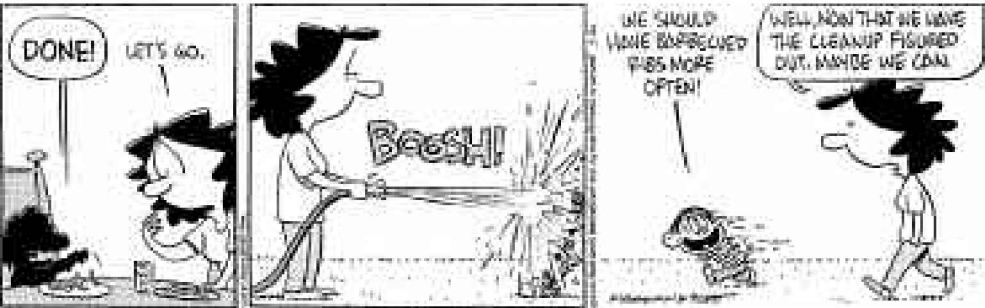
**One year ago:** Syrians chanting "No more fear!" held a defiant march after a deadly government crackdown failed to quash three days of mass protests in the southern city of Deraa. Mayhew "Bo" Foster, a World War II U.S. Army pilot who transported Nazi official Hermann Goering to unescorted plane, died in Missoula, Mont. at age 99.



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Firefighters work to remove a cement beam that fell from a bridge onto a public bus Tuesday after an earthquake was felt in Mexico City. There were no passengers in the mini-bus and the driver suffered minor injuries, according to firefighters.

## 7.4 quake shakes south Mexico, rattles capital

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A strong 7.4-magnitude earthquake hit central and southern Mexico on Tuesday, collapsing at least 60 homes near the epicenter and a pedestrian bridge in the capital where people fled shaking office buildings in fear.

One of the strongest to shake Mexico since the deadly 1985 temblor that killed thousands in Mexico City, Tuesday's earthquake sent fear and panic across the region, especially after a less powerful, magnitude-5.1 aftershock was felt in the capital and several other aftershocks around the borders of Oaxaca and Guerrero near the epicenter.

But hours after the shaking at noon local time, there were still no reports of death or serious injury.

"It was very strong, very substantial," said Campos Benitez, hospital director in Ometepec, about 15 miles from the epicenter.

Police radio operator Marcos Marroquin said there were preliminary reports of 60 houses damaged in the municipality but only a report of a broken arm. Guerrero Gov. Angel Aguirre, who is from Ometepec, was headed there to survey the damage.

In Mexico City, frightened workers and residents poured into the streets of the capital. Telephone service was down in the city and throughout the area where the quake was felt and some neighborhoods were without power, according to Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, who set up a hotline for people to report damage.

About 40 passengers were stranded for a short time on the Mexico City airport air train, but later released. The airport closed for a time but officials said there was no runway damage and they resumed operations.

Samantha Rodriguez, a 37-year old environmental consultant, was evacuated from the 11th floor on the Angel Tower office building.

"I thought it was going to pass rapidly but the walls began to thunder and we decided to get out," she said.

Mexico City, built on a lakebed, was badly damaged in 1985 when an 8.0 earthquake killed at least 10,000 people. In past years, Guerrero has suffered several severe earthquakes, including a 7.9 in 1957 which killed an estimated 68 people, and a 7.4 in 1995 which left three dead.

Tuesday's quake was the strongest shaking felt in the capital since a magnitude-6.5 earthquake struck also in Guerrero in December. Officials said at least three people died in Guerrero, but there were no reports of widespread damage.

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### Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/21	Thu 3/22	Fri 3/23	Sat 3/24	Sun 3/25
<b>85/60</b> Sunshine and clouds mixed. Very warm. High near 85F.	<b>76/56</b> Scattered thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	<b>74/51</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>68/50</b> Scattered thunderstorms possible.	<b>72/47</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise 6:50 AM Sunset 7:02 PM	Sunrise 6:49 AM Sunset 7:03 PM	Sunrise 6:47 AM Sunset 7:04 PM	Sunrise 6:46 AM Sunset 7:04 PM	Sunrise 6:44 AM Sunset 7:05 PM

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## Kentucky At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	85	55	sunny	Glasgow	86	59	mst sunny	Murray	85	62	pt sunny
Bowling Green	85	60	mst sunny	Hopkinsville	85	60	pt sunny	Nashville, TN	83	61	mst sunny
Cincinnati, OH	86	57	sunny	Knoxville, TN	83	57	mst sunny	Owensboro	85	62	mst sunny
Corbin	83	56	mst sunny	Lexington	83	60	sunny	Paducah	83	62	pt sunny
Covington	85	60	sunny	Louisville	87	63	mst sunny	Pikeville	85	60	pt sunny
Cynthiana	85	57	sunny	Madisonville	86	61	pt sunny	Prestonsburg	83	56	mst sunny
Danville	84	58	mst sunny	Mayfield	86	60	pt sunny	Richmond	82	58	mst sunny
Elizabethtown	85	59	mst sunny	Middlesboro	85	56	mst sunny	Russell Springs	83	56	mst sunny
Evansville, IN	84	60	mst sunny	Morehead	84	57	mst sunny	Somerset	83	57	mst sunny
Frankfort	83	58	mst sunny	Mount Vernon	82	56	mst sunny	Winchester	84	59	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	61	mst sunny	Houston	69	53	rain	Phoenix	73	49	sunny
Boston	79	54	pt sunny	Los Angeles	72	52	sunny	San Francisco	64	53	pt sunny
Chicago	84	60	pt sunny	Miami	81	70	t-storm	Seattle	46	38	rain
Dallas	69	51	pt sunny	Minneapolis	66	55	rain	St. Louis	82	59	cloudy
Denver	61	40	sunny	New York	68	55	pt sunny	Washington, DC	76	59	pt sunny

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Wed 3/21	Thu 3/22	Fri 3/23	Sat 3/24	Sun 3/25
6	5	6	6	7
High	Moderate	High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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example, bottomland with cropping history would be eligible. In addition, applications taken in these areas can receive up to 60 extra points on their application.

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# SPORTS

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## Baseball coaches speak at Rotary

BY JOE WILSON  
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

Three southern Pennyryle area high school baseball coaches told the Hopkinsville Rotary Club Tuesday that bat changes have resulted in major changes in the way the game is played.

Christian County coach Blake Leach, University Heights Academy manager Scott Peck and Hopkinsville coach Jeff Gillispie spoke to the group.

All agree that rule changes involving the bats' core has resulted in a return to "small ball."

"It's for the good," Peck said. "I think you're going to see better baseball. Those old bats would give you hits off the handle. With the new bats, you will see the true hitters."

Leach said there will be fewer extra base hits with the bats, which hit more like a wooden bat.

"Now it's a more traditional game with a lot of bunting, stealing and strategy," Leach said. "For baseball purists, this is a good thing."

Leach added he didn't like the new bats because it made it difficult for the younger players.

"If you have a JV kid who weighs about 125 pounds, it's going to be a problem to hit it," he said. "You have to be very physical to hit. These new bats are like hitting a bowling ball with Christmas wrapping paper."

Gillispie, who took over the Hoptown program in January, said the new bats make playing defense more important.

"It changes the offensive and defensive philosophy," he said. "You will see more small ball and defensive maneuvers. The days of the 350-foot homers are gone."

All three coaches gave brief reports on their teams this season. All agree they are competitive but are looking for Henderson County to be the Region 2 favorite.

Christian County is off to a 2-1 start, falling to Henderson 16-1 Saturday.

"They are a great team with good pitching and good hitting," Leach said.

UHA is 0-4 and Hopkinsville is off to a 1-3 start to the season.

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NEW ERA FILE PHOTO

Christian County senior Zatoria Leavell signed a softball scholarship with Campbellsville University on Tuesday at the high school.

## Campbellsville signs Leavell

BY JOE WILSON  
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

INSIDE:

Christian County High School softball player Zatoria Leavell made it official where she will continue her playing career on Tuesday when she signed a letter of intent with Campbellsville University.

Leavell, a senior outfielder who led the Lady Colonels in stolen bases and runs scored the last two seasons, said she wants to have a similar role in college.

"I just want to help them any way I can, running bases, getting the bunt down, whatever," she said.

A member of the Kentucky Junior All-Star team last summer, Leavell hit .432 as a junior with 11 stolen bases and 28 runs scored. As a sophomore, she primarily was used as a runner and stole 17 bases and scored 52 times. During her freshman campaign she stole 22 bases and scored 48 times.

"The lesson 'Z' teaches all of us is she came into high school with high aspirations but she found a role and that led her to her goal," former Lady Colonels' coach David

CCHS golfer  
Jonathon Grabara  
signs letter. B3

Joiner said.

Campbellsville coach Shannon Wathen said she was excited to get a player like Leavell in her program.

"She's a tremendous young lady, coming from a strong program and was well coached," said. "She provides us some speed and we're always looking for speed. We're losing a couple of outfielders and we're looking at bringing a couple in. We want to put some pressure on people on the base paths and that is something she can provide for us."

Leavell, whose aunt, Stephanie Leavell was an All-American at Christian County in softball, said she plans to study sports management in college.

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## Off and runnin'

## Glass lifts Lady Cols to victory in opener

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Maggie Glass smashed a pair of home runs and helped Christian County open its 2012 softball season with an impressive 6-2 victory over visiting Lone Oak Tuesday night.

Glass opened the game with a homer and Morgan Cunningham followed with another blast to give Christian County a 2-0 advantage in the first.

Glass, a junior, slammed a three-run homer in the fourth to push the lead to 5-1. She added a triple and scored in the sixth.

"Maggie doesn't like to lead off but she handled it well tonight," said coach Jim Perrin, who won his first game in his return to coaching the Lady Colonels. "I think she handled it very well."



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Christian County senior pitcher Jasmine Matchen throws home during the first inning of the Lady Colonels' season-opening 6-2 win over Lone Oak Tuesday at Lady Colonel Field.

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## Jones' Mark Valeski on Top 10 Derby list

FROM NEW ERA STAFF  
AND ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS

Hopkinsville horse trainer Larry Jones' Mark Valeski is 10th on the latest AP Run to the Roses Top 10 list of Kentucky Derby contenders.

Valeski, which is listed at 38-1 odds to capture the race, which will run May 5 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, will make its next start April 1 in the Louisiana Derby.

Bob Baffert's Arkansas Shuttle keeps rolling, likely carrying a

couple of his 3-year-old colts to the Kentucky Derby in less than seven weeks.

The Hall of Fame trainer had another successful weekend at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark., with Secret Circle winning the \$500,000 Rebel Stakes by three-quarters of a length over fast-closing Optimizer on Saturday.



Jones

The bay colt will return to California this week but is scheduled to be shipped back for the \$1 million Arkansas Derby on April 7 and shoot for an Oaklawn sweep. Secret Circle won the second division of the Southwest Stakes last month, and Baffert's Castaway won the first division.

Baffert has won the Rebel three years in a row — Lookin At Lucky won in 2010 and The Factor won last year — and improved his record at Oaklawn to an amazing

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## Caldwell County shuts out Blazers

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Jordan Young tossed a two-hitter and host Caldwell County defeated University Heights Academy 7-0 Tuesday night in a high school baseball game.

Young dominated the youthful Blazers, not allowing a runner past second base in the contest.

Tanner Vivrette swung the hot bat for the Tigers (2-2), going 3-for-4 and scoring three runs. Hayden Stewart and Bryar East both went 2-for-3 for Caldwell.

UHA (0-4) managed only singles by Ryan P'Pool and Chandler West.

The Blazers return to action Thursday at home against Crittenden County and Caldwell will play host to District 7 foe Dawson Springs.

Rager throws 2-hitter, but Todd County Central falls in road loss to Hopkins County Central Storm

Todd County Central pitcher Michael Rager tossed a two-hitter, but host Hopkins County Central took advantage of Rebel errors and went on to a 7-2 high school baseball win Tuesday night in Morton's Gap.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE	
AT MINNESOTA	5:30 P.M.
NEVADA	
AT STANFORD	7 P.M.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CIT	
ROBERT MORRIS	
AT FAIRFIELD	5 P.M.
MERCER	
AT OLD DOMINION	5 P.M.

#### NBA

L.A. CLIPPERS	
AT OKLAHOMA CITY	7 P.M.
L.A. LAKERS	
AT DALLAS	8:30 P.M.

#### NHL

ST. LOUIS	
AT ANAHEIM	9 P.M.
VANCOUVER	
AT CHICAGO	7 P.M.

### TOP SCORES

#### PREP Baseball

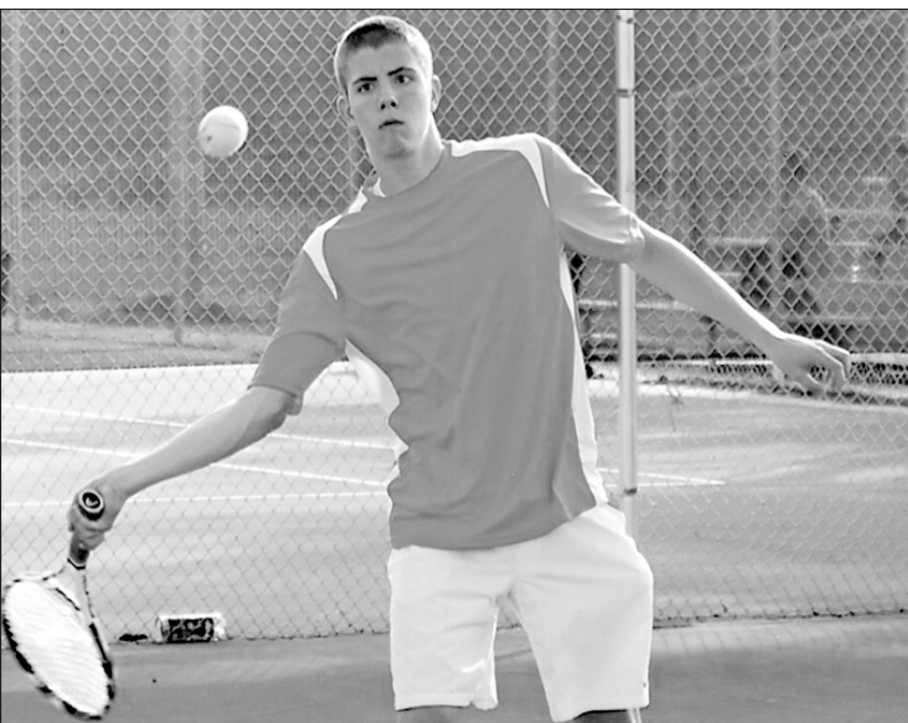
UHA	0
CALDWELL CO.	7
TODD CO. CENTRAL	2
HOPKINS CO. CENTRAL	7

#### PREP Softball

LOGAN CO.	3
HOPKINSVILLE	4
UHA	12
OHIO CO.	7



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RICHARD WIMSATT | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Hopkinsville's Grey Campbell returns a shot against Fort Campbell's Andrew Grammel during their match on Monday at the Ruff Park tennis courts. Campbell won in straight sets 6-0, 6-0.

# Hoptown sweeps Falcons

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Hopkinsville High School tennis teams swept a match with visiting Fort Campbell High School Monday at the Ruff Park tennis courts.

In the boys' match, Hoptown claimed a 7-2 victory.

Grey Campbell, Dustin Burch, Houston Ray, John Chester, Newcomb Maddux and John McClain swept the singles matches for Hoptown.

The Falcons took two of the three doubles matches.

In the girls' match, Hopkinsville took a 4-3 decision.

Mary Glenn Powell and Claire Campbell teamed to defeat Tamarah Webb and Laci Lancaster 6-3, 6-2 in the final doubles match that gave the Lady Tigers the overall victory.

Mallory Perkins, Olivia Harris and Caroline Heltsley picked up singles wins for Hopkinsville.

For Fort Campbell, Webb and Shantel Calbreath each win singles matches.

Hopkinsville returns to action Thursday against Hopkins County Central.

### Results

**BOYS: Singles** - Grey (H) def. Andrew Grammel 6-0, 6-0; Burch (H) def. Blake Eslinger 6-0, 6-1; Ray (H) def. Zach Salmons 8-0; Chester (H) def. Sam Tillinghast 8-1; Maddux (H) def. Robert Aleman 9-7; McClain (H) def. Daniel Strambaugh 8-3. **Doubles** - Grammel/Josh Boren (FC) def. Noah Morris/Ray 6-4, 6-0; Tillinghast/Eslinger (FC) def. Browning Casey/Clint Lincoln 8-3; Austin Mason/McClain (H) def. Avery Hill/Chris Ramos 8-6. **GIRLS: Singles** - Perkins (H) def. Releigh Jorstad 6-0, 6-0; Harris (H) def. Laci Lancaster 6-0, 6-0; Heltsley (H) def. Sabrina French 8-1; Webb (FC) def. Lexi Sabatino 9-7; Calbreath (FC) def. Julia Vega 8-0. **Doubles** - Samantha Michaud/Robin Pittman (H) def. Calbreath/Jorstad 8-2; Powell/Campbell (H) def. Webb/Lancaster 6-3, 6-2.

# UHA defeats FCHS in tennis

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Host University Heights Academy swept a girls' and boys' tennis match from visiting Fort Campbell Tuesday night at the Ruff Park tennis courts.

The Blazers won 9-0 with Vivek Shah, Trey LaChance, Gordon Kaye, Blake Edmonson, Hend-ley Traugbner and Vir

Patel registering singles victories.

In the girls' match, UHA prevailed 9-0 with Gretchen Powell, Sally Smith, Kloe Freeman, Garnett Bruce and Annie Arnold earning singles wins.

### Results

**BOYS: Singles** - Shah (U) def. Andrew Grammel 6-1, 6-1; LaChance (U) def. Blake Eslinger 8-0; Kaye (U) def. Sam Tillinghast 8-2; Edmonson (U) def. Chris Ramos 8-0; Traugbner (U) def. Avery Hill 8-0; Patel (U) def.

Ethan Gibson 8-1. **Doubles** - Shah & Lachance (U) def. Grammel & Josh Boren 6-2, 6-2; Kaye & Edmonson (U) def. Tillinghast & Eslinger 8-2; Traugbner & Patel (U) def. Daniel Stambaugh & Robert Aleman 8-0. **GIRLS: Singles** - Powell (U) def. Rileigh Jorstad 6-0, 6-0; Smith (U) def. Laci Lancaster 8-1; Freeman (U) def. Tamarah Webb 8-0; Bruce (U) def. Shantel Calbreath 8-3; Arnold (U) def. Chelsea Holderbaum 8-2. **Doubles** - Powell & Smith (U) def. Webb & Holderbaum 6-0, 6-0; Freeman & Bruce (U) def. Lancaster & Calbreath 8-1. The other two points were forfeited by Fort Campbell due to lack of 6th player.

# CCHS: Glass powers Lady Cols to win

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Jasmine Matchen, who transferred to Christian County from Reidland, earned the pitching win. Cunningham finished 2-for-4 and Katie Keller added a pair of singles for Christian County.

"We played well for the first time out," Perrin said. "We played really well defensively. But when you open up with three bombs, that was good to see."

The Lady Colonels returned to action Friday in Owensboro against Daviess County.

**Christian Co. 6, Lone Oak 2**  
**Lone Oak 001 010 0-2 8 3**  
**Christian Co. 200 301 x-6 9 0**  
**WP**-Matchen (4 2/3 IP, 0 SO, 0 BB).  
**LP**-Jenny Chapman  
**Leading Hitters:** CCHS - Glass (2 HR, 3B, 4 RBI), Cunningham (HR, 1B), Malena Whipple (1B), Keller (2 1B), Zatoria Leavell (1B).

## Soldo, Lady Tigers edge Logan County

An error on a ball hit by Christy Soldo in the bottom of the seventh inning helped host Hopkinsville defeat Logan County 4-3 Tuesday in a high school softball game.

Courtesy runner Heather Powell scored the winning run from second base on the play.

Mallory Smithson had doubled to open the inning and came around to score to tie the game at 3.

Sarah Pinson led Hoptown (1-2) at the plate with a single and double.

Hopkinsville took a 2-0 lead in the first inning but Logan answered with three runs in the top of the third.

The Lady Cougars held the lead until the seventh, although the Lady Tigers had several chances to tie the game in the fourth and fifth in-

nings and couldn't get a key hit.

Skyler Grant earned the pitching win, going all seven innings, striking out six and allowing only two hits.

Hopkinsville returns to action Thursday at home against Muhlenberg County.

**Hopkinsville e 4, Logan Co. 3**  
**Logan Co. 003 000 00-3 2 3**  
**Hopkinsville 200 000 2-4 7 2**  
**WP**-Grant (7 IP, 6 SO, 1 BB).  
**LP**-Milam.  
**Leading Hitters:** HHS - Pinson (2B, 1B), Smithson (2B), Grant (1B), Erin Ganley (1B), Rachel Summers (1B).

## Cansler, Lady Blazers blast by host Ohio Co.

Chelsea Cansler went 3-for-5 and visiting University Heights Academy used a six-run sixth inning to defeat Ohio County 12-7 Tuesday in a high school softball game.

Makenzi Hamby earned the pitching win and also had a double and a pair of singles at the plate.

Ohio County scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at 5-5.

The Lady Blazers then erupted for six runs in the top of the sixth to get the victory.

Lexie O'Daniel had two singles and Sydney Dav-enport added a triple and single for UHA (2-1), which plays Thursday at Fort Campbell.

**UHA 12, Ohio Co. 7**  
**U. Heights 000 506 1-12 12 5**  
**Ohio Co. 200 300 2-7 7 4**  
**WP**-Hamby (4 IP, 4 SO, 0 BB).  
**LP**-Wooten  
**Leading Hitters:** UHA - Cansler (3B, 2 1B), O'Daniel (2 1B), Hamby (2B, 2 1B), Davenport (3B, 1B), Shelby Reynolds (1B).

## Lady Rebels stay unbeaten, rout Dawson

Todd County Central improved to 2-0 on the

season by routing visiting Dawson Springs 10-2 Tuesday in a high school softball game.

Kayla Watkins tossed a two-hitter and struck out 11 to pick up the win.

Todd scored five runs in the bottom of the second and were never challenged.

The Lady Rebels had 10 hits with Addison Rundall and Natalie Perry each smacking a single and a double. Hillary Sweeney added two singles and Lauren Addison had a triple.

Todd is scheduled to play Russellville Thursday in a District 13 game.

**Todd Cent. 10, Dawson Springs 2**  
**Dawson Springs 000 020 0-2 2 4**  
**Todd Co. Cent. 051 103 x-10 10 1**  
**WP**-Watkins (7 IP, 11 SO, 1 BB).  
**LP**-Burden  
**Leading Hitters:** Todd - Rundall (1B, 2B), Perry (1B, 2B), Sweeney (2 1B), Addison (3B), Cara Gorrell (1B), Watkins (1B), Taylor Gilliland (1B).

## Hallgren pitches Trigg to rout of Russellville

Brittany Hallgren struck out 14 and tossed a two-hitter to lead host Trigg County to an 8-2 softball victory over Russellville Tuesday night.

Brianna Messmer slapped a single and a double and Hallgren added a pair of hits to lead the Lady Wildcats (1-0).

Hallgren is a transfer from Chicago who was making her first career start with the Lady Wildcats.

Trigg is scheduled to play host to Dawson Springs Friday.

**Trigg Co. 8, Russellville 2**  
**Russellville 000 002 0-2 2 3**  
**Trigg Co. 121 022 x-8 6 1**  
**WP**-Hallgren (7 IP, 14 SO, 1 BB).  
**LP**-Gilbert  
**Leading Hitters:** Trigg - Sierra Bush (1B), Messmer (1B, 2B), Hallgren (1B, 2B), Alison Russell (1B), Nyree Wilson (1B).

# SCOREBOARD

NBA				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	26	20	.565	—
Philadelphia	24	21	.533	1 1/2
Boston	22	24	.478	4
Toronto	15	31	.326	11
New York	15	32	.319	11 1/2
Southeast				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	11	.756	—
Orlando	29	18	.617	6
Atlanta	26	20	.565	8 1/2
Washington	10	34	.227	23 1/2
Charlotte	7	37	.159	26 1/2
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	10	.792	—
Indiana	26	18	.591	10
Milwaukee	20	24	.455	16
Cleveland	17	26	.395	18 1/2
Detroit	16	29	.356	20 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	29	14	.674	—
San Antonio	25	18	.581	4
Memphis	27	20	.574	4
Houston	25	22	.532	6
New Orleans	11	34	.244	19
Northwest				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	—
Denver	25	21	.543	9 1/2
Utah	23	22	.511	11
Minnesota	23	24	.489	12
Portland	21	24	.467	13
Pacific				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	28	18	.609	—
L.A. Clippers	26	19	.578	1 1/2
Phoenix	23	23	.500	5
Golden State	18	25	.419	8 1/2
Sacramento	16	29	.356	11 1/2

Tuesday	
Indiana 102, L.A. Clippers 89	
Miami 99, Phoenix 95	
New York 106, Toronto 87	
Houston 107, L.A. Lakers 104	
Oklahoma City at Utah, Late	
Memphis at Sacramento, Late	
Milwaukee at Portland, Late	
Wednesday	
Chicago at Toronto, 5 p.m.	
Phoenix at Orlando, 5 p.m.	
New York at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.	
Cleveland at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m.	
Washington at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.	
Golden State at New Orleans, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Denver, 7 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Tournament Glance	
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EAST REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
At TD Garden	
Boston	
Thursday, March 22	
Syracuse (33-2) vs. Wisconsin (26-9), 6:15 p.m.	
Ohio State (29-7) vs. Cincinnati (25-10), 8:45 p.m.	
Regional Championship	
Saturday, March 24	
Semifinal winners	
SOUTH REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
At The Georgia Dome	
Atlanta	
Friday, March 23	
Baylor (29-7) vs. Xavier (23-12), 6:15 p.m.	
Kentucky (34-2) vs. Indiana (27-8), 8:45 p.m.	
Regional Championship	
Sunday, March 25	
Semifinal winners	
MIDWEST REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
At Edward Jones Dome	
St. Louis	
Friday, March 23	
North Carolina (31-5) vs. Ohio (29-7), 6:47 p.m.	



**BRIEFS**

**Little Lady Colonels sweep Evansville**

The Christian County Little Lady Colonels 12U softball team swept a double-header from the visiting Evansville (Ind.) Bomb Squad Sunday afternoon at Lady Colonel Field.

In the opener, Regan Hancock pitched a one-hitter and Christian County won 5-0.

Lacie Mohon slapped a pair of doubles and Halle Rhea Hendricks had two singles for Christian County. Hannah Bradshaw, Jenna Humphries and Emmy Blane also had hits for the Lady Colonels.

In the nightcap, Hancock scattered seven hits and Christian County won 4-2.

Julianna Kelly, Campbell Russell, Hancock and Bradshaw were the top hitters for the Lady Colonels.

**Former Colonels' star earns C-USA honor**

Former Christian County High School baseball star Chase Joiner has been named the Conference-USA Pitcher of the Week.

Joiner, a senior right-handed pitcher for University of Memphis, tossed a complete game shutout Saturday in a win over Sienna.

Joiner struck out 12 and scattered seven hits over nine innings.

**3 Southern Pennyrile players make team**

Three southern Pennyrile area basketball players will represent the Region 2 team Friday night against the Region 1 stars in an all-star game at Paducah.

Hopkinsville High School's Laurence Smith and C.J. Childress will join University Heights Academy's K'Quan McNease on the Region 2 team.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m. Friday at Haws Gymnasium on the Western Kentucky and Technical College campus.

Admission is \$5.

**Spencer, Drake set to play for Hoppers**

Chamber President and CEO Carter Hendricks, who also is serving as president of an eight-member volunteer committee for the Hoptown Hoppers baseball team, said two additional local products will be on the team's roster in 2012.

Hendricks said Tuesday former Christian County pitcher Kyle Spencer and former Hopkinsville pitcher Josh Drake will play for the Hoppers. Former University Heights Academy star Matt McGowan already had been reported as playing for the team.

**Canaan, UK stars earn NABC honor**

Murray State University junior guard Isaiah Canaan has been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America Third Team.

The Biloxi, Miss., native was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and led Murray to the NCAA Tournament, where it lost to No. 3 seed Marquette last weekend.

All-OVC selection. Canaan averaged 19 points per game for the Racers.

Kentucky freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist joined Canaan on the Third Team.

The Wildcats' freshman center, Anthony Davis, earned First Team.

**PREP**



University Heights Academy pitcher Hannah Shemwell delivers to the plate against Hopkinsville on Monday during their District 8 game at Lady Blazer Field.

**Big inning powers UHA**

BY JOEWILSON  
NEW ERA SPORTS EDITOR

It may have been the first high school softball game of the year, but it was the most important contest so far for University Heights Academy.

The youthful Lady Blazers scored seven times in the bottom of the third inning and defeated District 8 opponent Hopkinsville 11-5 Monday night at Lady Blazer Field.

The victory pushes UHA (1-0, 1-0 District 8) into first place in the league standings. It also gives the Lady Blazers the home-team advantage should they and the Lady Tigers end up playing each other in the district tournament.

"We hit the ball well a couple of innings and I think we have a lot of potential here," said first-year UHA coach Keith O'Daniel, who earned his first coaching win.

"We're still not hitting up to par, but I think there's more there."

Hopkinsville (0-2, 0-1) had taken a 4-1 lead into the bottom of the third inning. But UHA responded with a seven-run frame using six hits and a key Hoptown error. The big hit in the frame was a double by Sydney Davenport.

O'Daniel said he was proud of the way his team responded to the adversity.

"I think I was the only one who was worried," he said. "I told them we



University Heights Academy's Tyler Shemwell slides safely across home plate during the Lady Blazers' seven-run third inning on Monday against Hopkinsville at Lady Blazer Field.

had our backs against the wall and we had to hit our way out of it and they did that."

UHA sent 11 batters to the plate in the inning and turned a 4-1 deficit into an 8-4 lead.

"They were hitting everything we threw down and we left a few pitches over the plate," first-year Hoptown coach Anthony Holloway said. "We just couldn't recover. We played better than we did the other day, but we didn't play well enough to win."

Eighth-grade pitcher Hannah Shemwell picked up the win, striking out four and retiring the final seven batters she faced. She also had four singles and drove in three runs at the plate.

"We didn't panic, we just knew we had to work

hard and get back on top," Shemwell said.

Davenport finished 3-for-4 on the day and Chelsea Cansler went 2-for-4 with three stolen bases for UHA.

Hopkinsville was led by Skyler Grant and Erin Ganley, who each had two singles. Mallory Smithson smashed a double for Hoptown.

**UHA 11, Hoptown 5**  
**Hopkinsville 022 010 0-5 10 4**  
**U. Heights 107 201 x-11 13 2**  
**WP**-H. Shemwell (6 IP, 4 SO, 1 BB).  
**LP**-Grant (6 IP, 2 SO, 3 BB).  
**Leading Hitters:** HHS - Kayleigh Wilson (1B), Smithson (2B), Grant (2 1B), Ganley (2 1B), Christy Soldo (1B), Rachel Summers (1B), Bailey Downs (1B); UHA - Cansler (2 1B), Lexi O'Daniel (1B), Davenport (2B, 2 1B), Tyler Shemwell (1B), Carson Bryant (1B), H. Shemwell (4 1B, 3 RBI), Paige Allen (1B).

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**Cols' Grabara signs golf letter**

BY KEITH JENKINS  
NEW ERA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When it came time for Christian County High School senior Jonathon Grabara to decide where he'll continue his golf career, the choice was simple. Where can he go to do what he loves with people he loves while earning a quality education?

Columbia, Ky.

"Lindsey Wilson just felt right," Grabara said. "I was comfortable with the campus and coach (Shaun) Cozart just said go play golf. Play golf, go to class, do your work and just have fun."

With his family, friends and Lindsey Wilson College head golf coach Shaun Cozart by his side, Grabara signed a national letter of intent to play for the Blue Raiders during a ceremony Monday afternoon inside the school cafeteria.

Grabara, who tied a school record with a nine-hole 33 last season, joins former Christian County standouts Josh Hilling, a sophomore, and Daron Morris, a junior, on the Lindsey Wilson men's golf team. Colonels coach Shawn Oakley, who also was present during the ceremony, said having Hilling and Morris on campus will help Grabara handle the demands of being a college

student-athlete.

"I think it says a lot about our program when you see how many kids who have had the opportunity to continue on to the next level," Oakley said. "I think it's great that he'll be up there with Daron and Josh. It's like Christian County East."

Grabara, who also has played basketball and baseball for the Colonels, said he's come a long way in being good enough on the links to earn a college scholarship.

"When I first started, I had more of a baseball swing than a golf swing," Grabara said. "But I think I've gotten a lot more consistent."

Cozart said if Grabara continues to progress just as he did at Christian County, the sky's the limit.

"Well, first, he's a great student. I think that's most important," Cozart said of the Crofton native. "But he already has a good golf game. Our job is just to make him better; both as a golfer and a person. But college golf is all about the qualifiers. If he plays well in those, there's no limit to how good he can be."

Grabara said he hasn't decided what he'll study but is considering pharmacy.

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**Patterson leads CCHS past Trigg County**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Logan Patterson struck out nine and scattered five hits to lead host Christian County to a 7-2 high school baseball win over Trigg County on Monday.

The Colonels (2-1) struck for three runs in the bottom of the second inning and it would be all the offense Patterson would need.

Patterson, Wyatt Langhi and Jonathon Grabara each had a pair of singles in Christian County's eight-hit attack.

Trigg County (2-3) was led by David Wease, who had a pair of singles.

**Christian Co. 7, Trigg Co. 2**  
**Trigg Co. 000 002 0-2 5 4**  
**Christian Co. 030 211 x-7 8 1**  
**WP**-Patterson (6 IP, 9 SO, 3 BB).  
**LP**-Zach Bridges (5 IP, 3 SO, 3 BB).  
**Leading Hitters:** Trigg - Trace Kuber-ski (1B), Wease (2 1B), Corbin Estes (1B), Sklar Pool (1B); CCHS - Patterson (2 1B), W. Langhi (2 1B), David Smith (1B), Grabara (2 1B), D.J. Langhi (1B).

**Muhlenberg County rallies past Hoptown**

Muhlenberg County rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to defeat visiting Hopkinsville 6-5 Monday in a high school baseball game.

The Mustangs trailed 5-0 after the first inning but battled back to tie the game in the bottom of

the seventh.

Muhlenberg took advantage of a pair of walks in the bottom of the eighth and scored the go-ahead run in the extra inning.

Hoptown's Clayton Smithson pitched seven innings but did not get a decision. Hutton White suffered the pitching loss.

Smithson and Gant Unfried each had a pair of hits for Hopkinsville (1-3).

**Muhlenberg Co. 6, Hoptown 5**  
**Hopkinsville 500 000 00-5 7 3**  
**Muhlenberg Co. 003 001 11-6 11 3**  
**WP**-Alex Peveler  
**LP**-White (1 IP, 0 SO, 2 BB).  
**Leading Hitters:** HHS - Rsshad Lewis (1B), Smithson (2 1B), Josh Denton (1B), Unfried (2 1B), White (1B).

**Slow start dooms Todd Central in baseball**

Todd County Central fell behind 9-0 after three innings and dropped a 15-1 high school baseball game to visiting Springfield, Tenn., on Monday.

Austin Dukes suffered the pitching loss for Todd (0-2).

The Rebels managed only two hits, with Cole Hyde and Michael Rager each earning singles.

**Springfield 15, Todd Co. Cent. 1**  
**Springfield 621 001 5-15 15 0**  
**Todd Co. Cent. 000 100 0-1 2 4**  
**WP**-Tyler Smith  
**LP**-Dukes (6 IP, 2 SO, 2 BB).  
**Leading Hitters:** Todd - Hyde (1B), Rager (1B).

**Lady Rebels edge Jo Byrns**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

Lauren Addison delivered the game-winning single in the bottom of the eighth inning to lead host Todd County Central to an 8-7 softball win over Jo Byrns on Monday.

Addison went 3-for-5 on the day with a double and two singles. Natalie Perry added two doubles and drove in three runs and Makayla Bilyeu added a double for the Lady Rebels (1-0).

Kayla Watkins picked up the pitching

win, going eight innings and striking out three.

Jo Byrns had taken a 7-5 lead in the top of the sixth, but Todd rallied for a pair of runs in the seventh to force the extra inning.

**Todd Co. Cent. 8, Jo Byrns 7**  
**Jo Byrns 003 002 20-7 12 2**  
**Todd Co. Cent. 100 130 21-8 8 2**  
**WP**-Watkins (8 IP, 3 SO, 1 BB).  
**LP**-Johnson  
**Leading Hitters:** Todd - Addison (2B, 2 1B), Taylor Gilliland (1B), Perry (2 2B, 3 RBI), Cara Gorrell (1B), Bilyeu (2B).

**Mr. Basketball candidates announced**

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation released the names of five candidates for the 2012 Kentucky Mr. Basketball Award.

The finalists include Matt Day (Buckhorn), Nathan Dieudonne (Trinity), Tamron Manning (Scott County), Mekale MacKay (Moore) and Adam Wing (Rowan County).

The winner will be announced April 28.

The Mr. Basketball winner automatically represents the Kentucky All-Star team against Indiana in games scheduled for June 8 and June 9 in Louisville and Indianapolis, respectively.

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**ATHLETES of the WEEK**

**Hunter Allen**  
The Trigg County pitcher struck out 12 and scattered seven hits in a 4-1 loss to Muhlenberg County last week.

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# In the mood for wine? A wine for every mood

BY MICHELLE LOCKE  
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You know wine and food pairings. But how do you feel about wine and mood pairings? That's the approach being taken by a new line of wines — "Be." — from Treasury Wine Estates that are aimed at an emerging segment of the market: millennial women. With marketing pitches like "Be Radiant" and "Be Bright," and descriptors like "Fresh Chardonnay" and "Flirty Pink Moscato," there's no mistaking these wines for more staid, chateau-studded labels. "We wanted to create a brand that would inspire and not necessarily intimidate be-

cause the wine category can be intimidating," says Leslie Walters, Be. wines brand manager. This isn't wine's first attempt to lighten up. The last decade or so has seen the rise of "critter label" wines, wines with odd or provoking names and, most recently, a bevy of "mommy" wines. The new wines follow research that included spending 3 to 4 hours at home with female wine consumers and finding out more about their buying habits and general lifestyles, as well as their attitudes toward wine.

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# Putting 'pink slime' to the test



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A hamburger made from ground beef (right) containing what is derisively referred to as "pink slime," or what the meat industry calls "lean, finely textured beef," and one made from pure 85 percent lean ground beef (left) are displayed in front of uncooked portions of those meats Thursday in Concord, N.H.

# It sounds gross, but how does it taste?

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
AP FOOD EDITOR

All this angst over "pink slime" has made one thing clear: We don't always know what we're getting when we bite into a big juicy burger. Which leaves unanswered some of the most basic questions in the debate over what the meat industry calls lean finely textured beef, a processed meat filler that experts say has found its way into much of the ground beef consumed in the United States. But as a professional eater, I needed to know two things: What does this stuff do to the taste and texture of ground beef? And how can consumers know when they're eating it? Neither answer came easily, the former because of the sheer volume of beef I needed to eat, the latter because of the rather opaque way ground beef is made.

## 'Slime' in the news

For schools, that opacity began to clear Thursday, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that as of the fall the National School Lunch Program will allow districts to choose ground beef that does not contain the product. Previously, it was difficult for schools to know whether the beef they bought from the feds had it or not. That's because pink slime — no matter what you call it or what you think of it — really is made from beef and therefore doesn't need to be listed as a separate ingredient. But Thursday's announcement doesn't do much for the average consumer. At the grocer, a steak is a steak, and it is nearly always labeled by the cut of beef it's from. There was a time when ground beef was similarly labeled and you knew at least roughly what part of the animal you were getting. And though some packages still indicate "ground chuck" or "ground sirloin," today most is labeled simply as "ground beef." Most consumers don't care. They'd rather focus on another part of the label — the fat percentage. And producers don't care. It has made it easier for them to take a more amalgamated approach to ground beef, using whatever cuts they want or have without worry-

ing about spelling it out. Now introduce lean finely textured beef, and the meat picture is further muddled. The product is made from bits of meat left over from other cuts. It's heated and spun to remove the fat, then compressed into blocks for mixing into conventional ground beef. Because it's so lean and inexpensive, producers often mix it into fattier meat to produce an overall leaner product. That means two packages labeled "ground beef 80 percent lean" may look and sound the same but be composed of different meats. One could be unadulterated ground beef made from cuts of meat containing 20 percent fat. The other could be made from poorer quality — much fattier — meat but cut with and made leaner by pink slime, a term coined by a federal microbiologist grossed out by it and now widely used by critics and food activists. How do you tell the difference? For the most part, you don't. "You can't differentiate beef from beef," said Jeremy Russell, a spokesman for the National Meat Association, which represents processors, suppliers and exporters. "Talking to your retailer would be the only way." So that's what I did. But it got me only partial answers.

## The field research

At grocer No. 1, the folks behind the butcher counter were able to show me one brand, a pricey "all-natural" ground beef that did not contain the meat filler. But for the many other and far less expensive varieties of ground beef? They had no way of knowing. Grocer No. 2 presented the opposite problem. The workers there found one brand that definitely did have the pink stuff, but they couldn't say whether any others did or didn't. And don't be fooled by the "all-natural" beef label at store No. 1. That term is unregulated, so it doesn't really mean anything. At another store, another brand of ground beef could be similarly la-

beled but still contain the meat filler. But the term "organic" is regulated, and that provides a clue. If you can find it — and are willing to pay the price — ground beef labeled organic cannot contain lean finely textured beef. Despite the odds, I had lucked out. Between the two grocers, I'd managed to identify two packages of 85 percent lean ground beef, one with pink slime and one without. Time to taste. By label alone, it was clear we were talking different beef demographics. The pink slime-free product bragged that it was minimally processed and that the cows had been raised without antibiotics, growth hormones or animal byproducts in their food. Price — \$5.99 per pound. The pink slime version? Just a minimalist "compare and save." Price — \$3.09 per pound. Outwardly, they seemed the same: They smelled the same, and they looked basically the same, though the pink slime sample was slightly lighter in color. Until you touched them. The all-natural sample was slightly fattier to touch. That seemed odd, since both products should have the same fat content. Into the mouth For the taste test, I kept it simple and pure, I formed a half-pound of each ground beef into a thick burger patty, adding nothing to the meat. And though I prefer my burgers on the grill, I decided to fry these in a skillet because it's easier to control the cooking, ensuring both would be cooked to the same degree and under the same conditions. I added nothing to the pan. Meat this fatty generally bleeds out a robust amount of grease, so I wasn't concerned with sticking. That was my second surprise. The pink slime patty released very little fat during cooking. The other patty gave off two or three times as much. About 5 minutes per side, and I

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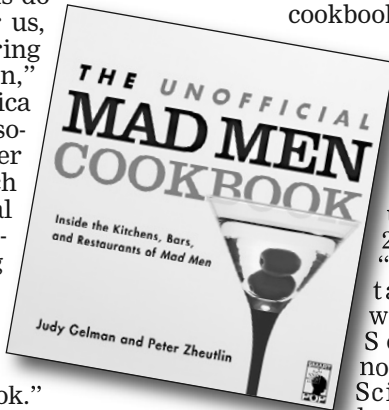
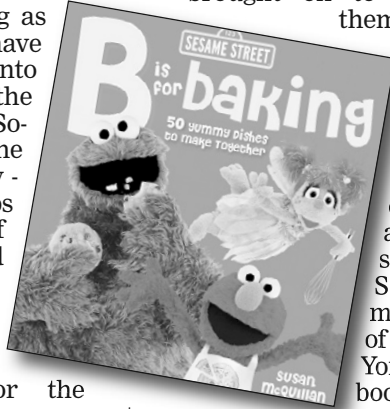
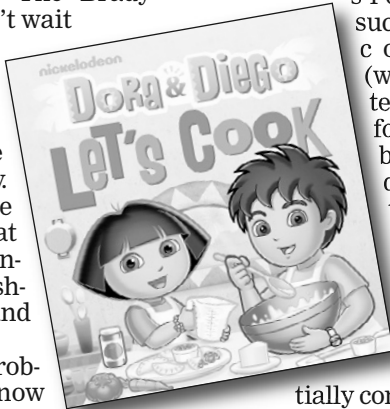
# Cookbooks answer the question: What would Tony Soprano eat?

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Andy Griffith always saved room for Aunt Bee's rhubarb pie. The Brady bunch couldn't wait for Alice's meatloaf. It's not Sunday in Tony Soprano's house without gravy. And everyone knows that Don Draper enjoys an old-fashioned now and then. What you probably didn't know is just how robust an industry has been cooked up around helping fans eat like their favorite TV characters. Because for about as long as viewers have been sucked into the lives of the Bradys, the Sopranos and the will-they-won't-they ups and downs of Rachel and Ross, a surprising number of them also have hankered for the characters' on-screen eats. And cookbook publishers have been happy to oblige. Fans have responded. Ken Beck's 1991 "Aunt Bee's Mayberry Cookbook" has sold 900,000 copies. Michele Scicolone says her 2002 book, "The Sopranos Family Cookbook," has sold 10 times as many copies as her other cookbooks. Publisher John Wiley and Sons' 2007 Sesame Street branded "C is for Cooking" flew off the shelves. For context, publishers today often consider a cookbook modestly successful if it sells 20,000 to 30,000 copies. "Those books do really well for us, especially during holiday season," says Jessica Goodman, associate publisher at Wiley, which offers several TV tie-ins, including "SpongeBob's Kitchen Mission" and "Dora and Diego Let's Cook." The genre of television-inspired cookbooks likely traces itself back to movies. Tie-in books have been around at least since the Pebeco Toothpaste company published the "Gone with the Wind Cook

Book" in 1940. Some TV-inspired cookbooks feature well thought out recipes created by experienced culinary professionals, such as Scicolone (who is better known for cookbooks dedicated to Italian home cooking). Others are essentially community cookbooks that are untested or barely tested. But none of that seems to matter to fans. "A lot of good people are brought on to produce them from time to time, but people buy them because it's a lark," says Matt Sartwell, manager of the New York cookbook store Kitchen Arts and Letters. "Most of the time people don't even think about the recipes. Most people understand we're talking about fictional characters." Some of the books, such as the recently released "The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook," border on culinary anthropology. Just in time for the long-awaited start of the show's fifth season (March 25), the cookbook offers an exhaustive history of New York dining in the 1960s, right down to the actual recipes used in Draper haunts like Sardi's and The Grand Central Oyster Bar. For her first Sopranos cookbook — there's also a follow-up, the 2006 "Entertaining with the Sopranos" — Scicolone drew on her family recipes and those of series creator David Chase to imagine what the New Jersey mafia don and his family might really have eaten.

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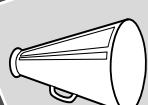
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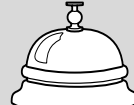
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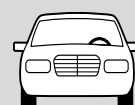
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The list will also be available for public inspection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City of Hopkinsville License and Tax Office located on the first floor of the Lackey Municipal Building, 101 North Main St, Hopkinsville, KY. Additionally, a list of the delinquent property tax bills will be posted on the City of Hopkinsville website, [www.hopkinsvilleky.us](http://www.hopkinsvilleky.us), beginning April 9, 2012 for a minimum of 30 days.

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NEW DENVER BRONCOS QUARTERBACK PEYTON MANNING (CENTER) POSES FOR A PHOTO WITH TEAM OWNER PAT BOWLIN (LEFT) AND VICE PRESIDENT JOHN ELWAY DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE TUESDAY AT THE DENVER BRONCOS HEADQUARTERS IN ENGLEWOOD, COLO.

# Elway, Broncos welcome Manning to Denver

BY ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

DENVER — John Elway flashed that mile-wide grin and turned the microphone over to his new quarterback, Peyton Manning.

Talk about a powerful pair. Introducing Manning as the newest Denver Bronco on Tuesday, the two Super Bowl winners each talked about hoisting another Lombardi Trophy, this time together. And soon.

"I realize I don't have 14 years left, by any means," Manning said. "This isn't something where I'm just building a foundation to do something in two years or three years. This is a 'now' situation. We're going to do whatever we can to win right now. That's all I'm thinking about right now."

Just so long as Manning's surgically repaired neck goes along with the plan.

Neither he nor Elway has a

*"My goal is to make Peyton Manning the best quarterback that's ever played the game, and he's got that ability with the football that he's got left."*

**John Elway**  
Denver Broncos vice president

doubt it will, and the Hall of Famer-turned-executive knew the NFL's only four-time MVP was just what his club needed.

The franchise has won just two playoff games since Elway's career came to an end with a second straight Super Bowl triumph in 1999.

Denver's last playoff victory came over Pittsburgh two months ago, when Tim Tebow delivered a stadium-rocking, 80-yard pass to Demaryius Thomas on the first play of overtime.

But things change, and in the NFL, they can change fast. Tebowmania is now a passing fad in Denver.

A couple of photos of Tebow that once adorned the halls at the Broncos' headquarters were gone Tuesday by the time Manning was introduced.

"I believe that he's got a lot of great football left in him," Elway said of his new QB. And if that's true, the Broncos will wind up paying him \$96 million over five years under his new deal.

HORSE RACING

## DERBY: Larry Jones trained horse sneaks into Top 10 Derby list

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13 wins from 21 starts. In the last three years, his horses have won 10 of 13 starts.

With Secret Circle's fifth win in six starts, the colt moves up to No. 4 on the latest AP Run to the Roses Top 10 list of Derby contenders. Union Rags, Hansen and El Padrino remain 1-2-3 as they get ready for their final preps before the Derby on May 5.

"He's an unassuming horse when you watch him train, but he always shows up on the big days," three-time Derby winner Baffert said of Secret Circle.

He added that the colt showed him a new dimension by stalking the leaders instead of going straight for the lead.

"The win was exciting and the way he did it was promising," Baffert said. "It was a good schooling for him and I think he should get a lot out of it, although my guys tell me he was hardly blowing when he got back."

Bodemeister, second in the San Felipe Stakes on March 10 and headed next to the Santa Anita Derby on April 7, is No. 8 and gives Baffert a second horse in the AP Top 10. Castaway is set to run this weekend in the Sunland Derby.

Also impressing last week was Gemologist, trainer Todd Pletcher's unbeaten 3-year-old who won an allowance race at Gulfstream Park on Friday by seven lengths over Grade 1 stakes winner Currency Swap. Next stop on the bay colt's road to Louisville probably will be the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 7. Gemologist stays at No. 5 this week.

"He came off the layoff with a great performance. He was amazing. He did it on his own. He did it so easy," Gemologist jockey Javier Castellano said. "I was very impressed; he did it the right way and he's heading in the right direction."

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas may have a Derby contender of his own in Optimizer, who just missed catching Secret Circle in the Rebel. Lukas is a four-time Derby winner, his last being Charismatic in 1999.

"We are real proud," Lukas said of his 27-1 long shot. "They only get longer and tougher from here."

1. Union Rags (Michael Matz, trainer; Julien Leparoux, jockey): Fountain of Youth (G2) winner worked 5 furlongs in 1:04 1/5 under Leparoux at Palm Meadows on Sat-

urday. ... "Just a maintenance work," says Matz. ... Next start: Florida Derby (G1), Gulfstream, March 31. ... Flordy future wager odds: 4-1.

2. Hansen (Mike Maker, Ramon Dominguez): Gotham (G3) winner worked 4 furlongs in 50 2/5 seconds at Churchill Downs trackside training center on Sunday. ... Next start: Wood Memorial (G1), Aqueduct, April 7. ... Odds: 9-1.

3. El Padrino (Todd Pletcher, Javier Castellano): Risen Star (G2) winner among Pletcher's many Derby hopefuls. ... Colt has won both starts in 2012. ... Next start: Florida Derby. ... Odds: 12-1.

4. Secret Circle (Bob Baffert, Rafael Bejarano): Showed versatility by stalking leaders before Rebel (G2) win. ... Has won 5 of 6 races, with only loss by a half-length in the Sham (G3). ... Next start: Arkansas Derby, Oaklawn, April 7. ... Odds: 37-1.

5. Gemologist (Pletcher, Castellano): Won long-awaited 3-year-old debut by seven lengths in an allowance race at Gulfstream on Friday. ... Improve to 4 of 4. ... Next start: Wood Memorial. ... Odds: 23-1.

6. Creative Cause (Mike Harrington, Joel Rosario): San Felipe (G2) winner may end up as top West Coast contender for Derby. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (G1), Santa Anita, April 7. ... Odds: 17-1.

7. Alpha (Kiaran McLaughlin, Dominguez): Withers (G3) winner worked 5 furlongs in 1:01.20 Saturday at Palm Meadows. Final Derby prep still not definite, but. ... Next start: Florida Derby. ... Odds: 18-1.

8. Bodemeister (Baffert, Bejarano): Named for Baffert's youngest son, Bode. ... A game second in San Felipe in third career start. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 29-1.

9. Howe Great (Graham Motion, John Velazquez): ... Palm Beach (G3) winner is turf tested, but may wait until Derby for his test on dirt. ... Team Valor's Barry Irwin took a similar route with 2011 Derby winner Animal Kingdom. ... Next start: Blue Grass (G1), Keeneland, April 14. ... Odds: 3-1 (mutuel field).

10. Mark Valeski (Larry Jones, Rosie Napravnik): Risen Star runner-up working toward final Derby prep at home base. ... Next start: Louisiana Derby (G1), Fair Grounds, April 1. ... Odds: 38-1.

Keep an eye on: Castaway, I'll Have Another, My Adonis, Optimizer, Take Charge Indy.



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